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REPORTER

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LIBRARY DAY

Children and adults check the educational booths and exhibits outside the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe on Saturday morning, marking the end of the National Library Week. Inset shows a child trying his luck with a "wheel of fortune" to win prizes, as part of the four-hour festivities that also included live song and dance performances, book sale, and library tour.

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Senate: No to casinos on Saipan

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Senators adopted six resolutions on Friday that included blocking any legislation to legalize casino operations on Saipan, pushing for the relocation of

troops from the U.S. Marine Corps Air

» Yes to Marine Monument on Rota and US troops' relocation to Tinian

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Froilan: I will step down if any House member asks me to do so

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House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said he will step down as speaker if any

member of the 17th House of Representatives asks him to do so, responding to Sen. Pete P. Reyes's (R-Saipan) criticism about the speaker's relationship

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Local

Muna slams ex-CUC official for giving ‘incorrect’ statements to Feds

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Tony Muna blasted former waste and water director Bruce Megarr for providing federal agencies with “incorrect” statements during a status conference last Feb. 23.

In the said status conference, Muna said Megarr told federal agencies that CUC was incapable of meeting the standards set forth by its stipulated orders agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency.

The CUC executive director, however, said that Megarr’s

comment can only be characterized as coming from a disgruntled employee who was very much aware his contract was not going to be renewed.

Megarr’s two-year employment contract with CUC expired on March 30.

“For someone [Mr. Megarr] who has had a front row seat to the power generation crisis [knowing the adverse effect to water and wastewater operations if not resolved]; has witnessed CUC’s challenges; and has even contributed to CUC’s progress in complying with the stipulated orders in tandem with other CUC staff; it is perplexing

that Mr. Megarr could possibly comment that ‘CUC did not intend to comply with the stipulated orders,’” Muna said in a statement.

He said CUC complies with the stipulated orders with each contract signed and each notice to proceed submission to the EPA.

Muna revealed that contrary to Megarr’s claims, CUC advised him as early as December 2009 about the expiration of his contract. Megarr, he said, was even invited to reapply.

“The decision to not renew Mr. Megarr’s contract was made well before the Feb. 23, 2010 sta-

tus conference. His comments at the status conference were very disappointing and undermined CUC’s sincere efforts to comply with the stipulated orders,” Muna added.

Justifications

Muna said CUC has successfully recovered from a power generation crisis that also threatened to trigger a water and wastewater crisis.

Millions of dollars, he said, were invested to ensure this power generation crisis was resolved and a deputy director for Electric Utility Systems Rehabilitation, Wallon Young,

has been hired.

Muna said the hiring of Assistant Executive Director for Operations Abe Malae in September of 2009 was also a plus for CUC. Muna said Malee has had a good track record, having successfully turned around American Samoa Power Authority, where he served as executive director in 1997 to 1999 and 2002 to 2004.

ASPA, like CUC, is a public multi-utility service company.

The naming of a chief financial officer, Charles Warren, in February also helped CUC to meet the requirements of the stipulated orders as well as getting onboard engineers Robert Lorenz and Kenneth Esplin for water and wastewater. Esplin was tasked to monitor stipulated order deliverables.

Muna also cited the reprogramming of \$4 million CIP money to address SO 2 requirements, improvements in water wells and water pumps, chlorine

supplies, and collaboration with Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

Megarr now agrees Muna

Megarr, in a statement sent to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, indicated that he fully supports the CUC administration’s prerogative to hire whom it sees fit to executive level positions.

“I respectfully suggest that DOJ’s focus with regard to its documentation request is on stipulated order compliance and not on any specific hiring decision,” Megarr said.

The former official said he considered it an honor to serve the community and remain thankful for the opportunity given to him in CUC.

He added he now agrees with Muna’s assessment of the improvements at CUC.

“I agree with much of Mr. Muna’s assessment of the improvements seen in water and wastewater service.”

Manglona finds probable cause to charge 2 suspected ‘ice’ traffickers

The Superior Court has found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against two suspected traffickers of methamphetamine or “ice.”

At a preliminary hearing, associate judge Ramona V. Manglona said after hearing the testimony of the government’s witness, reviewing the evidence presented and hearing the arguments of counsel, she found that the government presented sufficient evidence to establish probable cause that the offenses were committed and that defendants Yushuang Zhao and Feng Lin Zheng committed the offenses.

Manglona ordered the 39-year-old Zhao to answer two counts of trafficking of controlled substance, two counts of illegal possession of controlled substance, and one count of conspiracy to commit trafficking of controlled substance.

With respect to the 49-year-old Zheng, the judge ordered the defendant to answer the charges of one count of trafficking of controlled substance, one count of illegal possession

of controlled substance, and one count of conspiracy to commit trafficking of controlled substance.

Manglona said the bail remains at \$60,000 cash for each defendant as the court had previously set.

The judge denied Zheng’s motion to reduce bail. The arraignment for both defendants was set for April 26 at 9am.

Unable to post bail, the defendants were remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Zhao and Zheng, both Chinese nationals, were arrested last March 31. Police said a total of \$970 cash was confiscated and about five grams of “ice” with a street value of \$2,000 were seized from the suspects.

Detective Roque K. Camacho stated in his report that Zhao admitted that Zheng was her supplier of “ice.”

Camacho said that last March 29, members of the Division of Customs and the Department of Public Safety’s Drug Enforcement Task Force used an undercover police officer in purchasing \$200 worth of “ice” from Zhao along a gravel road leading to the former Michigan Garment Factory in San Antonio.

Camacho said that on March 31, the operatives using the same undercover police officer managed to buy \$800 worth of 2.6 grams of “ice” from Zhao.

The surveillance team reportedly spotted Zhao meeting with Zheng along Beach Road in San Antonio before Zhao handed the “ice” to the undercover officer. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Wiseman bars company from importing Budweiser products

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has barred a corporation from importing Budweiser products into the CNMI.

Wiseman also ordered that except as may be agreed by the parties, Marianas Pacific Distributors Incorporated (MAR PAC) and K.S. Chang Corporation, defendant K.S. Chang Corp. shall not sell or distribute Budweiser products that it has imported into the Commonwealth.

Budweiser products are Budweiser beer, Bud Light, Budweiser Select, Bud Ice, Michelob, Michelob Light, Michelob Ultra, Michelob Amber Bock, Natural Light, and Natural Ice.

Wiseman dismissed with prejudice plaintiff MAR PAC's lawsuit against K.S. Chang Corp.

Dismissal with prejudice bars plaintiff from bringing an action on the same claim.

The judge said each party will bear its own attorney's fees and court costs.

Wiseman issued the dismissal after MAR PAC and K.S. Chang Corp. entered a stipulation or agreement.

MAR PAC, through counsel Victorino DLG. Torres, and K.S. Chang Corp., through counsel Mark A. Scoggins, agreed for the dismissal of the lawsuit.

The parties agreed that K.S. Chang Corp. did not answer MAR PAC's lawsuit, but that the corporation does not concede wrongdoing in this matter.

The parties also agreed that K.S. Chang Corp. will not import Budweiser products into the CNMI.

According to court records, MAR PAC sued K.S. Chang Corp. breach of Consumer Protection Act, and trademark infringement; unfair competition. According to the complaint,

beginning Oct. 10, 2009, the defendant had imported a Budweiser beer on Saipan and had distributed the Budweiser beer at its premises, I-Mart Store in Tanapag.

The Budweiser beer that was sold at I-Mart Store was not imported nor distributed by MAR PAC.

"Defendant was selling a Budweiser beer that had been partially printed in the Korean language. Furthermore, it had a 'Budweiser' labeling with almost identical look and design with the original Budweiser that is imported by MAR PAC," the complaint said.

The complaint said MAR PAC is the exclusive importer and distributor for the CNMI to import and distribute Budweiser products.

The defendant, the lawsuit alleged, does not have any authority to import Budweiser Products including Budweiser beer here in the CNMI.

In November 2009, Wiseman denied MAR PAC's motion for a temporary restraining order to stop K.S. Chang Corp. from importing, distributing, and selling Budweiser beer in the CNMI.

In that order, Wiseman said even if MAR PAC holds an exclusive distributorship agreement with every Budweiser manufacturer in every country, MAR PAC would not have a cause of action against K.S. Chang Corp. because K.S. Chang is not a party to any of MAR PAC's distributorship agreements.

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The judge said if MAR PAC is indeed the exclusive distributor in the CNMI for every Budweiser manufacturer, and Budweiser sold its products to K.S. Chang for distribution in the Commonwealth, MAR PAC would have a breach of contract claim against Budweiser and not against a buyer and/or reseller of the product.

On labeling issue, Wiseman said the fact that the Budweiser sold at defendant's store was partially printed in the Korean language does not indicate a lack of authenticity.

Wiseman said MAR PAC has not cited any law which makes it illegal to import beer from Asian countries. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Teenager gets 60-day jail term for assault

A teenager accused of challenging his father to a fight and held a machete over the head of his father's common-law wife, has entered a guilty plea and subsequently sentenced to a 60-day jail term.

Eddie Jay Camacho Norita, 19, signed a plea agreement with the government. He pleaded guilty to assault (a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence) and disturbing the peace.

Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona accepted Norita's guilty plea and sentenced him to 12 months in prison for each count, all suspended except for 60 days.

Manglona said the sentences shall run consecutively, without the possibility of parole.

Norita was given credit for 12 days he already served in jail.

Manglona ordered Norita to start

serving the remaining 48 days of his unsuspended sentence at the Department of Corrections last Thursday at 8am.

The defendant is expected to complete his jail term on June 1, 2010 at 8am.

After serving the jail sentence, Norita will be placed on three years of supervised probation and ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, and \$100 in annual probation service fee.

The defendant will also be required

to perform 100 hours of community work service and prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages.

Norita will be referred to the Community Guidance Center for alcohol abuse and anger management counseling.

The government agreed to dismiss the remaining charges against Norita.

Police said the drunken Norita threw rocks at their house as his father was showering at that time on Aug. 16, 2009.

Police said Norita was seen shouting

and challenging his father to a fight. For fear, the father and his common-law wife went to the Kagman Fire Substation for help.

When a responding police officer escorted the couple to their house, Norita was observed swinging a machete.

The officer instructed the defendant to drop the machete, but he ignored and instead held the weapon on the right side of the head of his father's wife.

When Norita later put the machete down, the officer ran to him and held his right wrist. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

CYSS hosts military youth Lock-in at PIC

Child Youth and School Services for the Army Reserve hosted a free youth Lock-in for 40 children at the Pacific Islands Club last Saturday to celebrate April as the Month for the Military Child.

"This event features an 'Everyday Heroes' theme for the kids to show them that they are heroes too. These kids give a lot more than people think by sacrificing a great deal of time and holidays and often do not receive the recognition they deserve," said CYSS regional coordinator Katie Laughlin.

Seven U.S. Army teens from (ages

15-19) volunteered their time as youth group leaders for the 40 youth participants (ages 8-14).

"It's nice to take the kids out and make sure they have a good time. I remember participating in similar workshops and events when I was younger, but this is my first time as a youth leader," said 18-year-old Nathan L. Char-gualaf.

The lock-in provided snacks, lunch, and dinner scheduled in between multiple challenge activities such as relay races, mini-golf, tennis, kayaking, a

rock climbing wall, windsurfing, beach volleyball, basketball, tug of war, arts and crafts activities, snorkeling, windsurfing, and more.

The kids who completed the most challenges won a gold medal.

When asked during their lunch period which challenge events they are most excited about, many said they are big fans of the rock climbing wall, kayaking, and of course, swimming at PIC.

Saipan, Des Moines Iowa, Orlando, Florida, and McMinnville, Oregon all participated in the CYSS national event to recognize and support army kids all over the world. (*Walter Sutherland*)

SENATE

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cluded asking Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to convene a budget summit to discuss ways to deal with the CNMI's budget crisis, commanding newly retired Bishop Tomás A. Camacho, and recognizing the Education Development Center in its mission to prevent suicide.

Of the six bills, Sen. Pete P. Reyes's Senate Resolution 17-14 on junking proposals to operate casinos on Saipan generated much debate and discussion among nine senators during their special session.

The Senate adopted S.R. 17-14 on a 6-1 vote, with two abstentions.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan) voted "no," while Sens. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian) and Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) abstained.

Reyes (R-Saipan) said his S.R. 17-14 sends a "strong message" that the Senate will not go against the will of the Saipan people who rejected more than once the operation of any casino on the island.

"The people of Saipan already expressed opposition to casinos on Saipan. It's an insult to the people of Saipan," Reyes said, referring to House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio's two bills pushing for the legalization of casino

gambling on Saipan.

The Senate passed the resolution even before the House could act on or pass Tenorio's House Bills 17-55 and 56 which both want casinos on Saipan.

Only Tinian and Rota voters approved the operations of casinos on their islands.

Crisostimo voiced objection to Reyes' resolution, saying that the CNMI's current financial conditions call for measures to generate revenue, including allowing casino operation on Saipan.

Sen. Joe Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), and Taimanao separately said they leave it up to the people of Saipan to decide whether or not they want casinos on their island.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said while he is not saying he is supporting or rejecting casino operation on Saipan, he said new voters should also be given an opportunity to vote yes or no on any proposal to legalize casinos on the island.

Marine Monument on Rota

S.R. 17-16, which expresses the Senate's support to the establishment of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument visitors center on Rota, also saw the clash of opinions between Crisostimo and all the other senators.

Crisostimo wanted the Marine Monument visitors center to be built on Saipan, or both on Saipan and Rota. He said

ate version of the bill.

The Senate "already killed the intent for austerity," he added.

"The current financial conditions of the government warrant an immediate implementation of austerity measures. What austerity does the substitute bill offer?" the press secretary said.

Some House members are now weighing the consequences of the absence of austerity measures at a time when the budget shortfall already climbed to some \$17 million in the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2010.

They are also wary of the Senate's proposal to increase taxes and fees and impose new ones.

More favorable

Other members of the House welcome the senators' rejection of the proposed reduction of government work hours from 80 to 70 per pay period, and would

Saipan is a more economically viable location for the center, because Saipan has direct flights to and from other destinations, and that it would be cheaper for tourists to come to Saipan than Rota.

Ayuyu, co-author of S.R. 17-16 along with Taimanao, said putting the visitors center on Rota is a better option because of the island's eco-tourism industry and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife plans to designate about 400 hectares of land on Rota for fish and wildlife habitat conservation.

"You make me feel that Rota is not part of the Commonwealth... Don't deny us something that is positive for us," Ayuyu told Crisostimo. Ayuyu is also chairman of the Rota Legislative Delegation.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) clarified that funding for the Marine Monument visitors center will come from the federal government.

Eight senators voted "yes" on S.R. 17-16, while Crisostimo voted "present."

Futenma relocation to Tinian

On a nine-vote vote, the senators adopted Sen. Jude U. Hofsneider's S.R. 17-17 which encourages the U.S. Department of Defense and Japanese officials to consider Tinian as the "best location" to relocate the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at Futenma in Ginowan in the Okinawa Prefecture of Japan.

vote on the Senate version of the bill.

Rep. Francisco Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) said the Senate version of the bill "is much favorable than a 70-hour bi-weekly government payroll."

Others have yet to see a copy of the bill that the Senate passed during their special session on Friday.

"Obviously, the administration is very disappointed. We believe that 17-45 presented an efficient plan to address our dwindling resources. Unfortunately, the Senate yielded to the outcry of special interests instead of the necessity of the overall welfare of the Commonwealth," Demapan said.

Will it start on April 23?

The Fitial administration expects to get an update today on the tax collections from the past week.

"April 23rd had been the subject of a potential payless payday. Dependent

on cash collections made over the past week, we'd be able to make a clearer determination as to the threat of payless paydays," Demapan said.

With or without the austerity bill, employees of the Executive Branch—whether under contract and civil service—have been or will be subjected to work hour reductions and reduction in force.

The Legislature and the Judiciary do not have a similar austerity measure.

Since 2006, contract employees at the Executive Branch have been working on a 72-hour basis per pay period instead of the regular 80. With the new round of work hour cuts, they will soon be working 70 hours per pay period. The governor has since voluntarily reduced his annual salary by 10 percent.

Demapan said the Senate's proposal includes only unpaid legal holidays when there are only three legal holidays

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When Norita later put the machete down, the officer ran to him and held his right wrist. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Deviating from his prepared speech, Reyes said some people told him that the six months "is so long."

"I'm betting that within six months, you will be given enough rope to demonstrate your inability to have any control over your mouth, especially in front of news reporters and then your mind will just go blank and say things that will quickly bring your foot to your mouth," Reyes said.

On Friday, Reyes accused Tenorio of not doing his job, meddling in senators' affairs, and abusing public funds, among other things. Tenorio rebutted Reyes' accusations.

the governor to convene a budget summit to discuss ideas for dealing with the CNMI's budget crisis.

A similar resolution was introduced in the House by House Minority Leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan), but the measure was defeated by Covenant Party members and independents.

Senators also adopted Manglona's S.R. 17-13, which acknowledges and recognizes the Education Development Center in its mission to prevent suicide.

The Senate also unanimously passed S.R. 17-15, which honors and commends newly retired Bishop Tomas A. Camacho of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa for his 26 years of service. Pope Benedict XVI accepted Camacho's resignation and retirement early this month.

"His Excellency Tomas A. Camacho, as the head of the Catholic faith, took it upon himself as his responsibility to preach and lead by example instilling values and morals of what is right to the people of this great Commonwealth... Members of the Senate... are honored to recognize and commend (Camacho) on his retirement and for his dedication in preaching the word of God and for his untiring services to the people of the Marianas," senators said.

left before the end of Fiscal Year 2010.

"Again, the Executive Branch will have to bear the burden of the Senate's inaction to ensure that the government can stay afloat throughout FY10. The admin advocated the reduction in hours plan because we wanted to ensure that families remained gainfully employed. The substitute bill basically pushes the CNMI's back up against the wall. Now, we have to consider tough decisions and these may include reduction in force measures such as furloughs and layoffs," he said.

The press secretary said the Fitial administration cannot wait for the legislative and judicial branches to believe in sacrifices.

"The administration cannot afford to hide behind the drapes of constitutional protection while many others suffer. Hopefully, the other branches can come to this realization," he added.

Senate confirms Ray Mafnas as Corrections commissioner

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The Senate confirmed on Friday the nomination of Ramon "Ray" C. Mafnas as commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

Of the nine senators, eight voted "yes" on Mafnas's confirmation. Sen. Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) abstained from voting for conflict of interest.

"He is my brother-in-law," Reyes told his colleagues during a special Senate session on Friday.

The crowd at the Senate gallery applauded when the Senate confirmed Mafnas on an 8-0 vote. Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) called for a short recess for senators to congratulate Mafnas, who was in the Senate gallery during the session.

Mafnas, who was at the gallery, said he's thankful for the senators for their vote of confidence on his nomination.

"I can assure the people of the Commonwealth and the Senate that I will faithfully perform my duties and responsibilities according to the laws of the Commonwealth and the policies and procedures of the Department

senior policy advisor to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. He had said there will be no inmate abuse under his watch.

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations chaired by Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), on its Standing Committee Report 17-5, recommended to the full Senate Mafnas' confirmation.



Mafnas

of Corrections," Mafnas told *Saipan Tribune* right after his Senate confirmation.

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ACCJC slams Stanley for verbal attacks

» Lay down points why NMC needs accreditation

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Top officials of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges slammed NMI Rep. Stanley Torres for attacking the commission and using incorrect statements about its roles and functions.

In a privileged speech last March 31, Torres accused WASC of monopolizing the Northern Marianas College's accreditation.

In particular, Torres attacked WASC president Dr. Barbara Beno and asked the House committee on education to investigate her actions to protect NMC from what he termed as her unilateral and vindictive oversight.

Torres even asked the House to initiate legal action against Beno to stop her "control" over NMC. A letter to the editor from Torres also cited the same concerns about the commission and its official.

In a two-page letter dated April 13, ACCJC chair Lurelean Gaines and vice chair Michael Rota cited their concern about Torres' uninformed and incorrect statements about the accreditation of NMC and Beno's actions.



Torres

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The two officials labeled this as "misleading" and a disservice to NMC students and to the CNMI people.

"Mr. Torres' efforts to try to undermine the ACCJC's actions through personal attacks on Dr. Beno does a disservice to the students and the public of the CNMI, who should know that when NMC fails to meet the

ACCJC standards or is not adhering to its policies, its educational quality is compromised," the two officials stated in their letter.

After providing a brief summary of its functions and roles, the two emphasized

that NMC's accreditation is important for students, employers, and the public because it affirms that the educational programs, certificates and degrees, and credits offered by an institution

are of sufficient quality that they can be trusted by students, transfer institution, employers, and those who help to fund those degrees and that the education provided by the institution meets the standards for higher education institutions.

"Accreditation helps to

communicate to the public that the institution has integrity, is honest in its representations to the public and students, and awards college credits and degrees based on the merit and performance of the students," Gaines and Rota said in their letter.

The officials added that the U.S. government depends upon and trusts the quality assurance provided by ACCJC.

It is through accreditation, they said, that NMC accesses federal aids and other important grants and contracts that directly assist its students and programs.

Accreditation, they added, is increasingly being used worldwide to determine legitimate higher educational institutions from fraudulent ones or from "degree mills."

'Beno does not make decisions for NMC'

Gaines and Rota also revealed that Beno, as president of WASC, does not make decisions on the accreditation of institutions, but the responsibility lies on the commissioners.

"The commission's president, Dr. Beno, does not make decisions on the accreditation of institutions. It is the 19 individuals that serve as commissioners for ACCJC who are the persons who make the decisions on the accreditation status of institutions..." the two said.

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Calvary Christian Academy wins academic challenge bowl

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REPORTER

The five-member team of Calvary Christian Academy emerged champion in the 15th Annual Academic Bee Challenge for elementary schools held last Saturday at Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Woo Jin Bark, Jaime Soledad, Kevin Rhee, Devonne Briana Dotts, and Cheny Rhyoo bested 70 other elementary students from 14 private and public schools.

Sponsored by the Marianas High School National Honor Society, the champion team was awarded a trophy and gift items from the competition's sponsors.

Coached by teacher Rey Perez, this year was the first time CCA bagged the prestigious title after finishing the runner-up plum last year.

CCA garnered 335 points for easy, medium, and hard questions all relating to the Public School System's curriculum and benchmarks.

Perez revealed that all team members were first-timers in the event and spent two weeks for preparation.

The coach believed that through the competition, students were provided exposure, and mental training and bagging

the championship trophy is a fulfillment of what the students have been striving for.

Twelve-year-old Kevin Rhee expressed his surprise upon hearing the result.

"I am very happy...because I didn't expect it! I am very proud that we made it!" he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the team would not have been able to bag the title without the patience and hard work of their coach.

Cheny Rhyoo, also a sixth grader, said it was a good feeling when sacrifices and hard work were paid off.

Hailed second best team was Mount Carmel School which bagged a total of 305 points. Its members included Cathryn Javier, Jonathan Pangelinan, Dong Hee Im, Sung Hun Ryu, and Arron Cushing.

Named third place winner, getting 300 points, was the team of Grace Christian Academy composed of Neil Conti, Camille Joy Masilungan, Kenichi Luke Shirata, Tiffany Madlambayan, Cameron Boyer, and Abigail Eden Deang.

MHS National Honor Society vice president Adeleyah Mojica said the competition has a total of 41 questions—20 easy, 15 medium, and six hard—involving math, science, social studies, literature, and other academic subjects.

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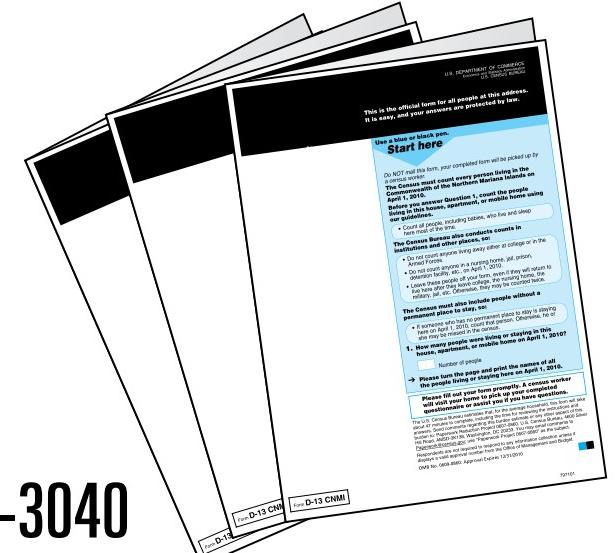
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The Zoning Board and Office will hold a round of village meetings to seek comments about how the current zoning law is working, and will update and revise the current zoning law with the goal of addressing the issues and concerns expressed by the community, private sector and the legislature. The public consultation and information campaign over the next two months will continue in order to obtain feedback required to update the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law. Meeting dates and locations which have been confirmed are:

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 6:00 PM
San Roque Village
@ GTC Elementary School Cafeteria**

The Board encourages anyone with suggestions that might improve the language of the law, or changes to the zone boundaries to attend. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the meeting. Written suggestions may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, April 30, 2010 or they may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

Anyone with questions about the meetings may contact the Zoning Office by phone at 234-9661 or by e-mail at staff@zoning.gov.mp.

/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson

Court bombarded with motions from forged treasury bond defendant

Kent Sebastian Robinson, a defendant facing charges for producing a forged \$200 million treasury bond, has bombarded the federal court with handwritten motions that he filed without a lawyer.

Robinson's latest filings were a motion to dismiss the indictment for prosecutorial misconduct, a motion to dismiss all charges for failing to arraign him in a timely fashion, a motion for review and revocation of detention order, and a request for extension of time to file pretrial motions.

In the motions, the defendant identifies himself as "a real man in the flesh and blood and sovereign sentient being with a soul and a child of God."

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David Wiseman set the hearing for the motion for review and revocation for April 21, Wednesday.

Wiseman said the pre-trial motion deadline will be set after the hearing on Robinson's request for an extension of time to file motions.

The judge recently ruled that since the Department of Corrections has no law library, the federal court will provide legal materials to Robinson.

Wiseman issued that order after Robinson voiced his concern about access to legal materials.

The judge has relieved attorney Timothy Bellas as court-appointed counsel for Robinson. This was in light of the fact that both Bellas and defendant have requested that Bellas be relieved of his duty.

The judge said a new standby attorney will be appointed to Robinson.

Wiseman earlier warned Robinson that he would be held in summary contempt of court if he continued to be combative in his behavior.

At the recent scheduled arraignment, the 43-year-old Robinson refused to plead one way or the other. He also stated that he did not waive any right to counsel and that he has already fired Bellas.

Robinson reiterated his position that he wishes to represent himself.

Wiseman set the jury trial for May 17 at 9am.

The indictment charged Robinson with fraudulent uttering of a private security, making and uttering of a fictitious obligation, and mail fraud.

According to the indictment, on Dec. 19, 2008, Robinson made a counterfeited and forged document—a Secured Funding and Offset Bond—purportedly registered with the U.S. Department of Treasury. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

APRIL 19, 1999

FAS citizens won't be cut from health care: Villagomez

The Department of Public Health will continue to provide health care to nationals of the Freely Associated States of Micronesia despite the recent opinion of the federal government that the CNMI will not violate any law should they decide to drop them from Medicaid. However, DPH Secretary Kevin Joe Villagomez said FAS nationals would become a burden more to the community if they are left on their own. However, the CNMI would be reimbursed 50 percent of the medical expenses by the federal government if the FAS people here are under Medicaid. According to Villagomez, the department is now in the process of computing the financial cost of providing medical assistance to the FAS nationals. This is part of the ongoing study conducted by the Compact Impact Task Force in a move to facilitate the CNMI's monetary claims with the federal government on the cost of hosting the FAS citizens which officials claim have strained limited infrastructure and public funds, like schools, hospital, housing and welfare system.

Legislator praises CPA incentives plan

The chair of the House Commerce and Tourism Committee hailed a plan by the Commonwealth Ports Authority to grant incentives to all airlines in an attempt to stimulate traffic and revive the faltering tourism economy as he urged the government to step up its campaign to entice visitors. Rep. Oscar M. Babauta said it is a timely move to lower landing fees and passenger facility charge for existing airlines, allowing international carriers to maintain its direct flights to Saipan, while increasing their seating capacity. He also welcomed Korean Air's decision to resume its flights from Seoul to the island after nearly two of years of absence following the collapse of their country's economy and the crash of one of its jets in 1997.

APRIL 19, 2000

Mandarin Air signing ceremony, CNMI Expo a success

A business agreement between executives of the Taipei-based Mandarin Airlines and the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino has been formalized last April 11, 2000. The business agreement guarantees charter flights from Taipei to the Northern Marianas, which is expected to bring casino enthusiasts from Taiwan to CNMI's lone gaming facility. Akin to the signing ceremonies held in Taipei was a tourism and cultural exposition featuring sights and sounds of the Northern Marianas. The exposition was participated in by the Marianas Visitors Authority, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, Submarine Sirena, GIT Tours, Dragon Phoenix Travel, Empress Tours and Services, Big Boyz 11 Marine and Mandarin Airlines.

AGO performance faces House scrutiny

The House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is set to conduct its investigation soon into the Attorney General's Office to determine how government lawyers have handled cases handed over to them for litigation. According to chair Rep. Dino M. Jones, the panel plans to meet first with acting Attorney General Herb D. Soll and other AGO officials to seek information regarding the status of these cases. "I will sit down with the AG's office and request information on all the cases that have been referred to them to find out which are those being disposed accordingly, and those that are not," he said.

APRIL 19, 2001

EPA OKs shipment of PCB-laced soil to US

Tanapag villagers received full support from Guam and US Environmental Protection Agency officials after amendments were made to the Toxic Substance Control Act, which warrants the shipment of PCB-contaminated soil to mainland. Even Guam Environmental Protection Agency lamented that PCBs from several cleanups are in indefinite storage on the island. These storage areas are subject to damage by frequent typhoons and earthquakes. "The proposed rule would remove a tremendous burden on Guam and ensure that a safe and viable mechanism existed for the protection of health and the environment of Guam and other US territories communities from PCB waste," the EPA report reads.



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NMTI students build their own classrooms

By WALTER J. SUTHERLAND
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REPORTER

Students at the Northern Mariana Trades Institute are constructing three classrooms and expanding the school office as part of a five-week in-house renovation project. There are 148 active students out of a total of 200 enrolled at NMTI.

"The project started last week and the framework for all four rooms have already been completed. This week the students will be installing the drywall and electrical work. So far everything is running on schedule," said Core-Curriculum and Carpentry Instructor Mark Anthony.

NMTI offers two-year concentration programs for plumb-

ing, electrical, mechanics, masonry, culinary arts, sewing, hospitality, and carpentry courses where students experience hands-on learning from 12-15 different instructors. A three-month preliminary core-curriculum course serves as a pre-requisite for the said trades skills programs.

In addition to building their own classrooms, students also participate in other projects on location. Students receive payment for their on-location construction efforts, but the classroom project is performed on a voluntary basis for class credit.

"This type of learning environment will really help students gain important hands-on experience for later when they are out in the workforce. We teach [the

WALTER J. SUTHERLAND
From left, students Diego L. Kaipat and Lucio L. Saures look over renovation plans for the Northern Marianas Trade Institute with instructors Mike Anthony and Greg Burkett.



BIRTHDAY

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Happy 7th birthday to Jaiden Sabugo who is celebrating her birthday today, April 19. May you have many more blessings to come! Greetings from her friends and family.

students] about multiple skills trades because, often times in construction, these trades overlap; knowledge of cross-trades will help [students] be more versatile and efficient builders down the road," said Anthony.

While the hands-on learning is critically beneficial for the students, it is also important that these students have a sit-down learning environment where they can study textbooks together and be tested over various building codes added Anthony.

Other components of the renovation project include installing windows and air-conditioning units, placing ceilings in the classrooms, as well as fabricating their own chalkboards, doors, and other internal finishings.

"We teach students how to build and fix things, but we also try to instill the communication skills and dependability qualities to better prepare students for being adept employees," said Anthony.

Since a lot of structures are

built from concrete on island, the text books and construction projects are purposely made in alignment with international building codes.

"This way if students choose to relocate in the future they will already be accustomed to working with tested lumber and using other common construction methods and materials," added Anthony.

The NMTI building is located on Lower-Base Drive in a recaptured garment factory with

plenty of room for expansion.

"[NMTI] can grow to whatever size that fits the community. Right now we have 200 students, but we can renovate to accustom 400 as long as there is a need," stated Anthony.

Local high school graduates (and those with a GED) can register with the Workforce Investment Agency and schedule a meeting with NMTI director Vic Cepeda to begin enrollment. For more information about NMTI, call 235-6684.

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Cuba expands its limited free-market experiment

So, a Cuban walks into his neighborhood barbershop for a trim and a shave on a Havana afternoon. In all likelihood, haircutter and customer argue about baseball. Maybe they discuss Companero Fidel's latest column in Granma. When they finish, the newly coiffed client pays for the services in Cuban pesos; about 15 percent goes to the state for taxes, and the owner legally pockets the rest.

Private profits in communist Cuba? This is no joke. It's Havana's latest, limited experiment with the free market. The government is divesting itself of hundreds of state-run barbershops and beauty shops with three workstations or less, turning people who have been wage-earners for decades into small-time entrepreneurs who will pay the state 15 percent of average revenues in the area for the right to operate. Like some Cuban growers who are allowed to rent stalls from the government in farmers markets, and some cooks who run modest restaurants out of their homes, these hairstylists and manicurists will be entering the world of free-market competition. They will be allowed to set their own prices and presumably will succeed or fail on the quality of their cuts and mani-pedi services. Now, imagine that.

Since the 1959 revolution, Cuba has privatized most of its economy, with about 90 percent of legal activity now concentrated in government hands. President Raul Castro appears committed to the basic model, at least as long as his big brother is alive. But the latest shift is driven by necessity. In addition to the U.S. trade embargo, Cuba is suffering the same hardships as most other countries in the global recession. Tourism, nickel exports and remittances from the United States, all of which are key sources of foreign currency, have fallen off. Cuba's elderly are living longer and the young need jobs. Castro recently declared that the government has a million employees too many on its payroll.

The cautious measures appear designed to relieve some of the pressure on the state without risking political challenge or creating significant private wealth. Furthermore, they are meant to limit opportunities for corruption, to encourage people to work harder and to draw some cash from the illegal, underground economy into government coffers; officials also have approved new licenses for private taxis while cracking down on unauthorized so-called gypsy cabs.

The changes are less ambitious than we'd wish and aren't irreversible. The government legalized self-employment in several retail services in 1993, then strictly limited the number of licenses available. But for Cubans, who deserve a better standard of living, these are positive steps—profit-making jobs and free-market pedicures.

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We need to work to save ourselves

What construction work have we, the local labor force, performed in our three islands over the past 30 or more years? What buildings or roads in our entire country can we point to with pride and say: WE BUILT IT!?

For over 30 years we have been enjoying the fruits of labor performed by nonresident workers at low wages. These foreigners have come from several different countries, but mainly the Philippines and China. Let us briefly review the work they have done while here.

Let us start from the northern part of the island examining some major construction. We begin with the Marianas Hotel Resort and golf course there. About a mile south is the fine Palms Resort Hotel formerly the Nikko Hotel. Across the street is a crushed dream lying in ruins of a splendid shopping mall. Continuing south is the Aqua Resort Hotel and next to it is a bankrupt hotel The Plumeria (what a loss). I could continue by naming all the other hotels such as the Hyatt, Fiesta, World Resort—on and on.

Let's look at all the apartment houses, the restaurants, the office buildings—on and on. What labor built the Horiguchi Building which houses our Federal Court? What labor built our Joeten-Kizu Library? Who built the houses we live in? Who built the Kagman and Koblerville Housings including the lovely Tottessville area? Who built all the factories? Who built all the office and apartment buildings? Who built all the paved roads we travel over daily? Who is constructing the new widened road in San Vicente? Have any of the above been constructed by our own local labor force?

I could fill up the entire column mentioning the structures and all the construction work that has been done over the last 30 or more years in our three islands. But the question I want to ask: WHAT HAVE WE, THE LOCAL LABOR FORCE, BUILT DURING THIS PERIOD OF HAVING FOREIGN WORKERS IN OUR ISLANDS?

I can hear a loud roar: "Who wants to work like a slave for such low wages? The nonresident workers are used to working like that. They don't mind working for low wages. This is why we import them. Isn't that the reason?" The answer is NO! They have a work ethic that we have lost over the years. Let's compare their work ethics to ours.

Having made many trips to the Philippines and several to China, I have noticed that almost everybody there is looking for work. The reason that many people there wish to work overseas is that the country doesn't have enough work to go around.

As we walk down the streets in the Philippines and China, we will see hundreds of small shops row upon row clustered together. Each one is trying to eke out a living. Notice all the street cleaners and other menial job performers. Everyone seems to understand a basic fact of life: If I don't work, I don't eat!

Having employed hundreds of nonresident workers during my business career here, I have studied their work habits. The vast majority have been diligent and worked hard. Though the salary received was minimal, they continued and many even tried to improve their performances by learning new skills.

Meanwhile while these foreigners were building our country col-

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



lecting minimum wages, what did we do? We felt too proud to get a job. "What! For a lousy few bucks? I collect more by being on food stamps." Part of the fault for our thinking like this is the United States government's unrealistic generosity.

But there also has been another discouraging factor. Our own government has been discriminating against us during all this time. Instead of making sure that we got the jobs, it promoted the importation of cheap labor which, of course, further discouraged us. What has the government ever done to motivate us to become skilled trained workers both in the professions and in the trades?

I truly believe that had we been trained and motivated to work, we would be the real labor force instead of the nonresident workers. And we would not be in as deep an economic depression as we are. Why do I believe this?

We would have accepted the wages offered to us had we not had to compete with nonresident workers. Also our government kept favoring its employees by raising their wages while keeping the private sectors unrealistically low. At the same time the government offered an unrealistic pension. Imagine, join the government workforce at about 20 years old and retire at 40 with a lifetime pension, with little or no skill to prepare us for another job.

Who built the houses and the roads before the flood of nonresident workers? Your fathers and grandfathers! They also did all the electrical, plumbing, masonry and all the other necessary jobs. They also owned and operated the stores and shops where we would buy all our necessities. There were no food stamps. Your fathers worked doing necessary jobs and farmed the land. But, alas, all that has changed.

Somewhere along the road we lost our desire to work, preferring to become dependent on handouts from strangers called investors and the United states government. Do you have a better explanation as to why we have such a high unemployment in our country? Can you also explain why most of our businesses are owned and operated by foreigners? Why does the Labor Department have to force businesses to hire at least 20 percent resident workers? Then when a company tries to comply with that rule, it finds it very difficult to recruit applicants.

I don't profess to be able to solve the problems we face today. They have accumulated over the years. I hope to point them out so that we begin resolving them. Unless we seriously attempt to correct them, we will sink deeper into the abyss.

The whole purpose for my writing this article is to show us how we got here and that there are solutions to our problems. But we

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SAIPAN—THEN & NOW

A different time and place

Editor's Note: Over the next several days the Saipan Tribune will present the notes and recollections of an island chronicler who looks back at the Northern Marianas to a distant, simpler time dating from the 1970s. Recorded by Bill Stewart, a frequent contributor to this paper's Opinion section, his personal snapshots recall several experiences and events which occurred about 40 years ago during the Trust Territory period and later as remembered and recorded in his personal journal. Portions of the article first appeared in MP Magazine.

First of five-part series

Someone once observed that "time passes"—but I wonder if time doesn't stay and we pass?" It is hard for me to comprehend the changes that have occurred in the islands within what I perceive to be a short period of 40 years between 1970 and the present.

It seems like only yesterday the Boeing 707, Trans World Airlines flight #1 enroute around the world landed at Guam International several hours before sunrise for a short fuel stop before proceeding with its military passengers to Vietnam thence to Bangkok and points west as it raced to keep ahead of the morning Sun.

Disembarking into the warm, early morning hours that September in 1970 on a rain-swept tarmac with humidity so thick, it took my breath away, I waited for the 6:30 morning flight to Saipan aboard a four-engine DC 6 that carried a few spare parts and its own onboard mechanic. This was my first encounter with an island in the western Pacific. Forty-five minutes after boarding the ancient aircraft for a destination north of Guam, it started its final approach toward a brush-lined, unlighted, coral airstrip at Saipan International. When approaching the island for the first time it loomed out of the sea like a mirage, a green protruding tip of an undersea mountain surrounded by a vast expanse of blue sky and water.

During the aircraft's decent to the island my thoughts returned to the strange turn of events which eventually culminated in my approaching an isolated island in the far reaches of the Pacific that I barely remembered from World War II headlines.

Until 1944 the Micronesian islands, sprinkled like tiny jewels across a vast universe of water, were known as the Japanese Man-

dated Islands. After the war they were considered a strategic trust by the U.S. military and closed off.

A series of buildings were constructed on Capitol Hill around 1953 by the Central Intelligence Agency to house staff responsible for training certain Asian personnel in the black art of covert activities and guerrilla warfare. This activity was undertaken by the top secret U.S. Naval Tactical Training Unit, (NTTU).

To this day, I have been unsuccessful in filling this "void" in the Northern Marianas' history and, as a result of my research efforts, have been told to "stay out of it as it's none of my business." In 1962 the CIA closed the complex and it became the administrative center for managing the affairs of 2,100 islands of which only a 100 or so were inhabited and spread over three million square miles of the Pacific. I am of the belief the NTTU's departure was the result of a man who visited Saipan in search of any local person who may have remembered seeing, or hearing, of an American aviatrix rumored to have been picked up by the Japanese and brought to the island after her aborted attempt to fly around the world in 1937. In his search for information about Amelia Earhart the gentleman stumbled upon the Capitol Hill facility and later mentioned it in a book planned for publication which the authorities tried to censor failing to realize that Amelia

Earhart's husband was George Putnam of the famous Putnam Publishing Company.

Curiously, when the book was published the secret base was abandoned. However, there is no proof of any connection.

The Northern Marianas was one of six districts throughout Micronesia administered from the headquarters of the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands located on Saipan's Capitol Hill. After NTTU's abandonment the islands were administered for the United Nations by the U.S. Department of Interior. Those were the days when the Cold War was at its height and every two years various members of the United Nation's Security Council would make inspection tours, always accompanied by a Russian member to evaluate the American government's stewardship of the area. The Soviet representative was rarely pleased. But I'm getting ahead of my story.

On the day of my arrival and my first encounter with the island the plane flew low over the airstrip and I was told that this maneuver was a safety measure since there was no control tower and a

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"fly by" was necessary to check the wind direction and scare away any stray dogs or cattle that might have wandered onto the weed infested landing path of World War II's Kobler Field situated at the southern tip of Saipan along what is now Koblerville Road.

Disembarking from the aircraft one entered a small, dilapidated, sun-bleached, corrugated tin structure without doors and without glass in open air windows. Dogs wandered about freely with little concern for those arriving or departing as if waiting for all the temporary intruders to leave so they could resume their lazy slumber on the floor or upon one of several roughly hewn wooden benches. By the late summer of 1970 the islands were almost devoid of the amenities of the last quarter of the 20th century—certainly the airport was.

One particular dog would meet every aircraft arrival, run up the steps when the door was opened and race down the aisle between the feet of deplaning passengers toward the cockpit where the stewardess fed it sandwiches. The dog met every flight. "Pilot" was a regular fixture at the airport and when the day came when the crew was transferred to Guam they took Pilot with them. I guess he entered Guam without any papers but he did arrive with a full stomach.

For many years Air Micronesia was the only travel link many had with the world beyond the horizon. Two factors are responsible for the association of the far flung islands of the Federated States of Micronesia, (Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap). Continental Air Micronesia connected them by the contrails of its engines and a billion dollar "pipeline" to the U.S. Treasury.

Little did I know when I left the terminal that September morning that I would spend many years of my life on the island.

To be continued

Chubaskun Mattiempu

Tat ti mamadedesi ni gastun linala guine piot pagu 'nai mas didog i tiempun eskases. Deste apas utilidat, gaselina, fektus yan otru siha na nesessidat sige ha' mañgahulu presiun niha.

I pottanmonedan familia mas menos fuetsaña gi halom este na mattiru. Gi mismu tiempu, malagnos un' otden na todum empleau gobietnu para u fan ma-utot oran niha (dies horas) kada pagamiento.

Enfin, tat empleau ti chumichi nu ayu na annunsiu. Lau sige manafu i man-magasta gi pahinan gasetta dimas de u fan daña prontu pot para uma-ina este na asuntu.

Este siha na inadisgustu gi halom man-ma-elihe na offisiat publicu ti u satba i didog na chinatsaga gi tautau siha, piot para Luta yan Tinian gi mattiru presiun nesessidat.

Siempre fuetsau man-pinalopu mas apas para fektus, materiat, yan otru siha nesessidat familia. Rason? Sa' todum attikulu ni para este dos tanu umesgin puetton Guam yan Saipan, finenina.

Gigon ma-mueba i fektus nesessidat para i dos tanu pinalopu enseñidas mas apas. Pot ihemlo: I 50 libra na Calrose (Diamond G) giya Saipan kase \$30 kada kostat. I mismu pugas giya Tinian \$40 baliña kada kostat. Yangin man-mabaratura este siha na attikulu, man-hanau mage mañeluta, lau man-pinalopu apas fleti 'nai mabira siha tattie giya siha. Hagas ha fugu' este na aminasu i linala tautauta gi dos islas deste antes. Mauleg u guaha dinaña yan satton na kinalamten para uma-ataha maseha dididi' este na apas tax siha.

Esta matmanyu na masusuñgun ha' este na chinatsaga ni tautauta, diariamente. Seguruyu na yangin ta dakot i propiu na potta, siempre siña man-makansela temporariu este siha na tax. Tat mas presisu i

para umana' para finenina tax fektus tat komu pugas, asukat, katne, leche, yan lateria siha.

Mauleg na guaha siha gi mañeluta man-guagualu ya ginen kinisechan niha 'nai maprebeniniye palu sentadan familia. Sin este, memegaiñā u fan sinapet doble nu i mattiru tiempun eskases.

Seguruyu lokue na guaha koystenturaña este na asuntu. Yangin in' atetuye siempre u siña. I tax siha gaige gi hechuran lai ni inapprueban tautau. Siña makansela un' ratu 'sino maribaha pot ausiliu gi linala tautau siha giya Tinian yan Luta. Guaha malagu umina este na asuntu?

Afulu' pot apenanas fondu

Todu kumomprende i problema pot dañkulu na rinibaha gi rinikohen kontribusion tax guine. Lau taya animu para u fan daña gi halom un' kuattu para u ma-kesatba este na asuntu.

Dinanche na kada ramas gobietnu tat kumu administrasion, kotte yan lehislatura, libre gi disposision appruebau na pottanmoneda.

Lau i administrasion rumikokohe i kontribusion tax kada sakan. 'Nai ha lie' na mamos bahu i rinikohen tax ginen todum atmos banda—gobietnu yan bisnis—enseñidas ha infotma i dos ramas nu este na kondision.

Yangin guaha para u aguaguat, pues nae' ni ginagagauña lau guia u responsable 'nai tinahoñg chiguan. Chahlau i responsabilidat haf' tinahoñg gi uttimu basisi.

Tana' para sensian betgansa sa' i asuntu pot mattiron tiempun eskases 'nai todum u fan mamadese. Muñga na para ta areregla i siya siha gi hilu batku 'nai esta mafondu!

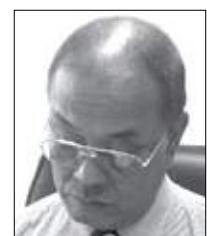
Call me foolish. Call me stupid and even naïve, but I feel if we were to send home most of our foreign workers within a shortened period before December, 2014, we would wake up, pick up our tools and go to work. We could begin with the unskilled workers first. The sooner we begin to build our own houses, our own buildings, our own roads, and operate own stores, the sooner we will build our lives again.

Imagine if all the money paid to foreign workers were to stay and circulate throughout our economy. Imagine the pride we would feel entering any building, including our own home, and feel that it was built from the sweat of our brow and with our calloused hands.

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**Dinaña Tautauta**

Gi fina' dinaña enteru, lisayu yan nobenan familia sessu hu huñgog klaru i sentimentun tautauta yan hafa sessu pinadesen niniha. Problema: Megaiñā man-sañgan ke satbasión. Sinseru i man-sañgan siha gi hilu chafleg na kondision ekonomia.

Ha koneyu tatte este na sentimentun publicu gi un' kuestion: Amanu 'nai gaige i diskuidu? Na ti magahet na gaige gi kontratan i Covenant na obligasion federat i para u esgaihon yan u adelanta kualidat linala tautau tanu? Hafa mohon ya ta tutuhon pumañgon este na asuntu?

Faye sa' ha dagau hit i federat un' tolañg dañkulu. Dispues, pinilota na misinsin suetteta, duru hit man-ahala kulan galagun halom tanu pot getmun gugat yan kostrafas. 'Nai hokug mames ya todus man-yayas 'nai ta repara na man-malefa hit nu i dichu asuntu gi mapos na trenta'i dos años. Piniloghu na manaitaiyu pot si Moses? A' Saina!

WE NEED

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must act decisively and with firm determination. We have entered a new era. The days of freebies are over.

It is time to sit down and do some serious reflections. Right now our government is in a panic. It is cutting wherever it can find places to cut. This is causing a reaction of fear in us. We will soon reach a point where we can no longer cut. Meanwhile is anybody seeking ways to get us out of this mess? Are we waiting for more handouts?

Today we are as strangers walking our streets. We don't plow our fields; we don't build anything. We merely consume as parasites. But we can change all this by taking up the tools as our fathers and grandfathers did. We would no longer be strangers in our own land.

As Julius said to Brutus in William Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars—but in ourselves" The day we come to accept this fact will be the day we begin on the road to our prosperity and genuine happiness. We have the resources—acres of diamonds—but we need to work and cultivate them. We need to work to save ourselves!

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 76°	▲ 87° ▼ 76°	▲ 87° ▼ 76°	▲ 87° ▼ 76°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Palau	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Yap	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Kosrae	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Majuro	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 60
Beijing	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 47
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▼ 66
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 71
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 41
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 54
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 93 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 69 ▼ 59
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▼ 68
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 49
Osaka	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 56
Paris	Sunny	▲ 59 ▼ 40
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 52
Rome	Sunny	▲ 67 ▼ 49
Salem	Showers	▲ 57 ▼ 46
San Francisco	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 52
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 49
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 65 ▼ 58
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 66 ▼ 51

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
4:49 AM	Today	Low Tide: 1.2 Feet
9:38 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet
5:13 PM	Today	Low Tide: 0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:01 AM	6:32 PM	Today	9:30 AM	10:58 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:32 PM	Tuesday	10:30 AM	11:53 PM
Wednesday	5:59 AM	6:32 PM	Wednesday	11:31 AM	
Thursday	5:59 AM	6:33 PM	Thursday	12:31 PM	12:45 AM
Friday	5:58 AM	6:33 PM	Friday	1:31 PM	1:33 AM

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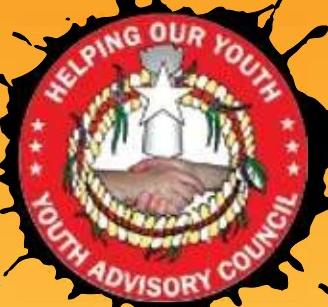
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 7, 2010

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM				GUAM-ROTA (ROP)			
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
0Z608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	0Z607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
0Z604	2:20am	6:10am	1	0Z605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
0Z604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	0Z603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	0Z603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-			



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APRIL 2010 **ENFORCING UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS (EUDL) AWARENESS MONTH**

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- **APRIL 7, 2010: EUDL TOWNHALL MEETING**
@ KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 6:00PM – 8:00PM.
- **APRIL 12, 2010: EUDL COMPLIANCE CHECKS OPERATION FOR**
ANY ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- **APRIL 21, 2010: EUDL TOWNHALL MEETING**
@ THE MULTIPURPOSE CENTER IN SUSUPE, 6:00PM – 8:00PM.
- **APRIL 23, 2010: EUDL COMPLIANCE CHECKS OPERATION FOR**
ANY ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- **APRIL 24-25, 2010: EUDL YOUTH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**
@ CAPITOL HILL SOFTBALL FIELD
- **APRIL 30, 2010: ENFORCING UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS YOUTH**
CONFERENCE

THESE ARE ALCOHOL FREE EVENTS. NO ALCOHOL IS TO BE CONSUMED OR SERVED AT ANY OF THESE EVENTS. ANY VIOLATORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

For more information regarding the EUDL Youth Softball Tournament, please contact Mr. Isidoru Camacho at 670-285-0206 for any inquiries if you are interested in participating.

For more information about the EUDL Youth Conference and other activities in April, please contact the Criminal Justice Planning Agency at 670-664-4550.

THE CNMI JUVENILE JUSTICE TASK FORCE REMINDS EVERYONE TO PLEASE ENFORCE UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS.

HELP KEEP OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SAFE! DO NOT PROVIDE ALCOHOL TO MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 21.



21! IT'S THE LAW!

A message from the CNMI Youth Advisory Council and the Juvenile Justice Task Force. Made possible by a grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

MINA mines Marianas minds

We have harped numerous times of the necessity of broadening our context as a way responding effectively to the challenges of our time, from the parochial loyalty of kin and clan in the political arena, going beyond the patriotic call of nation and state, to the unavoidable process of *glocalization* (*think global, act local*) that is transforming the planetary landscape and humanity's social resolve.

Economic globalization, driven by the twin forks of labor exploitation and short-term greed, built a fragile hierarchical structure out of the forces of expediency and amoral quarterly bottom lines that came tumbling down, first, in the United States, and world-wide. The Euro just saved the Greek drachma from slipping into the Aegean Sea!

On October 2008, American taxpayers were saddled with a \$700 billion bailout of Wall Street, a devastating economic assault that is now the subject of Congressional hearings, particularly the behavior of economic institutions with their highly remunerated executives in fostering the high risk home loans that resulted in the collapse of the financial market and the ripple effect of job loss.

Meanwhile, our delicate natural capital is threatened, from its own inherent calamitous discontinuities, but also, by the hands of those who seek bubble benefits and toxic wealth such as those derived from the nefarious trading of nebulous derivatives, on the one hand, while disrupting natural equilibrium of global proportions, on the other. This month of April brings us to a keen awareness of the destructiveness of the human enterprise when it sees itself separate from the forces that maintain balance in nature. From the cutting of corners in the construction of cheap schools in Qinghai and Sichuan, to the rampant safety violations in the coal mines of West Virginia and Shaanxi, to the prospective oil platforms in the Atlantic coast of NA and the polluting ones in the Gulf of Mexico, the indiscriminate cutting of foliage in the Amazon river basin and Indonesia's rainforests, contribute to a heightened anxiety in the nexus of our societal neurons.

It is bad enough that the forecasts of hurricane frequency this year in the Caribbean is expected to result in the destruction of settled existence along the coast, in the bayou, and across the isthmus of *Centro America*; the incidences also of strong tremors and frequent

volcanic eruptions only feed into the miasma created by the mythical and Hollywood-inflamed magical musings related to the Mayan calendar on to 2012 that tickles our fondness for foreboding cataclysm of our suicidal propensities.

The Mariana Islands Nature Alliance have set a series of films for FREE public viewing at the American Memorial Park Theatre this month. MINA promotes the conservation of the natural resources of the CNMI. It works with implementing groups, and notched notable success in the protection of the turtle spawning grounds at Obyan, as well as the maintenance of the pristine environs of Wing beach.

Celebrating April as an Environmental Awareness Month, MINA is going after the visual imagination. Starting today, Monday, April 19 and repeated on Thursday, April 22, for 30 minutes at 3pm, an animated family film entitle *The Lorax* will be shown, based on a book by Dr. Seuss. This one attempts to save trees from destruction. The film showing also includes *Pontoffel Pock and His Magic Piano*, about a piano-playing sprite who travels through space and time in a blink.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 20 and 21, for two hours starting 3pm, the film *Home* by Yann Arthus-Bertrand will be shown. This breathtaking ode to planet Earth, an inspiring aerial voyage that captures the interdependence of the world's ecosystems, also includes depictions of the bruises left behind by human indifference. Narrated by famed movie dame Glenn Close, the film looks at the changes that have wreaked havoc on our home, from the chemical-dependent agricultural revolution to the polluting industrial era, and our reliance on fossil fuel, the access to oil having been a major contributing factor in the wars of our time, urging viewers to preserve the Earth's remaining natural treasures.

The *coup d'grace* and of interest to residents of the Marianas, host to the Marianas Trench Marine Monument, is the 85-minute movie, *THE END OF THE LINE*, which will be shown Thursday, April 22, starting at 5:30pm. The film delves below the surface of the seas to reveal a troubling truth underneath, of oceans increasingly empty of fish, destroyed by decades of over exploitation. It explores the tragic collapse of the cod fishery in Newfoundland in the 1990s, the imminent extinction of the prized bluefin tuna, and the devastating futility of wide-

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spread illegal catches and surpassed fishing quotas, the film portrays the dark ecological shadow behind our love affair with fish as food.

Having been snorkeling around Saipan's beaches the last two months, the evidence of the over harvesting of marine life nearshores, particularly in the lagoon, has left a lifeless and blighted picture of the waters that once drew visitors to our environs. Just as equally heart-breaking are the leavings we scatter around and about, of plastic, aluminum cans, and empty bottles sitting on the bottom of the lagoon, and broken shards on the pebbles, coral-lime stones, and sands on our shores.

A sea captain Charles Moore has alerted the world since the mid-'90s of a growing garbage patch of plastic floating in the Pacific. Photographer Chris Jordan journeyed to Midway Atoll to witness the catastrophic effect of disposable culture on some of the world's beautiful and symbolic creatures, discovering his grief, not shallow anger and rage, as an appropriate personal response towards profound transformation.

MINA does not promote doom-and-gloom scenarios. Broad-base engagement is MINA's forte. With the growing realization that we all live down river, down wind and on the same plain and the same shore, collaborative efforts defy ideological boundaries. MINA invites broad participation within its ranks. To this end, it invites one and all to join its annual general membership meeting on Friday, April 30, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Shenanigan Restaurant in Garapan, where the photographs of Kurt Baumgartner will be featured, and MINA's programs will be highlighted, over dinner and wine (\$14.95). Check www.minapacific.org for further information, or call 233-7333.

Letter to the Editor

Goodness, your behavior is so contagious

To lawmakers,

Have you gone mad? Why are you only listening to Saipan only and not Tinian and Rota? It is unfair to pass a bill that will only be helpful for Saipan Resident. You know increasing taxes fees will only create more problems in the community. As of right now we cannot even afford to pay for health insurance and utility bill, not only that for some of us working for private, sometimes we don't get paid on time because the business establishment is not making enough. Your bill will only increase a lot of unemployment, and more crimes.

For God's sake, there is a lot of educated people out there, I know that at this point in time it is legal to request assistant from them for advise on how to better the economy. Yes, we are about to lose mil-

lions for PSS, but are you going to choose saving education money over our living allowance? You know, I was in Hawaii last year and even in that state they have furlough Friday at their school to help their government save money.

Why can't you ask them for advice? And as for PSS where did your education go that your only thinking about the educational wellbeing? You know there is Congressman Kilili, ask him to ask for help, check other alternative for our school's budget to be reconsidered for other option. Didn't God said ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find.

If you're going to do this, you mind as well shut down the government. Why not check the CUC how much they make so far on that fuel charge and demand that they reduce the utility bill. How about suing

Saipan for running casino without initiative, like what former governor Guerrero did to Tinian for being unconstitutional. How about hiring an economist to help you plan. Stop acting like heroes, be one and start using common sense to help better the community.

Thinking of the austerity bill, don't you think it's better to close government offices every other Friday? Another way, is start evaluating employees and check qualifications, and start reducing salary for those who don't deserve them. Stop acting like you own our tax money. At this point people have the right to vote for this bill.

See now I caught your ill behavior.

Winnie Atalig
San Jose, Tinian

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport trash collection services

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CPA-RFP-001-10A

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting cost proposals for trash collection services for a period of two years. The collection locations and scope of work package is available Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Interested proposers are encouraged to contact CPA's Terminal Maintenance Department at 237-6500 to make arrangements for a site visit of the trash collection locations.

Interested proposers must submit one original and four copies of the sealed cost proposal for the term of two-years service, a description of proposer's past performance and experience, list of equipment, and proof of insurance in compliance with CPA's insurance requirements. The employees of the winning proposer accessing the secured areas at the airport will be required to obtain an airport security badge which includes finger-printing and criminal background check, at the expense of the proposer.

The sealed proposals must be submitted before **4:30 p.m., Friday, April 30, 2010**, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

Date: April 15, 2010

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Marianas Public Land Trust has scheduled a MPLT Trustees Regular Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, April 20, 2010 beginning at 9:00 AM at the MPLT Office, Government Building #1313 (former CEC Office), Capitol Hill; Saipan, MP.**

The following agenda is hereby established:

I PRELIMINARIES

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes

II CONSULTANT'S REPORTS

- Investment Consultant Reports
 - o Flash Reports - MAR 2010
 - o Atalanta Manager Update
- Loan Administrator Reports
 - o Portfolio Status Update
 - o Default Account Referrals
 - o Payment Re-amortization Schedule
 - o Loan Modifications
- Legal Counsel Reports
 - o Legal Reviews
- Board Consultant Reports
 - o Financial Statements - FEB 2010

III OLD BUSINESS

- Local High Yield Investments RFP Review
- FY 2008 Annual Report Review & Approval
- Employment Submission Review & Approval
- Administrative Matters for Review

IV COMMUNICATIONS

- Instructions to Evaluation Committee - MPLT A&E Project

V NEW BUSINESS

- MPLT Resolution #10-06 Review & Approval
- Certified Question (Certification Order by Speaker of the House)

VI MISCELLANEOUS

VII ADJOURNMENT

At anytime during this scheduled meeting, the Board of Trustees may be required to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential.

In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by the recorded vote of the majority of the trustee governing body. All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written and oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIF
Chairman, MPLT Trustees

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Executive Director

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Business

SEC accuses Goldman Sachs of defrauding investors

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government on Friday accused Wall Street's most powerful firm of fraud, saying Goldman Sachs & Co. sold mortgage investments without telling the buyers that the securities were crafted with input from a client who was betting on them to fail.

And fail they did. The securities cost investors close to \$1

billion while helping Goldman client Paulson & Co., a hedge fund, capitalize on the housing bust. The Goldman executive accused of shepherding the deal allegedly boasted about the "exotic trades" he created "without necessarily understanding all of the implications of those monstrosities!!!"

The civil charges filed by the Securities and Exchange Com-

mission are the government's most significant legal action related to the mortgage meltdown that ignited the financial crisis and helped plunge the country into recession.

The news sent Goldman Sachs shares and the stock market reeling as the SEC said other financial deals related to the meltdown continue to be investigated. It was a blow

to the reputation of a financial giant that had emerged relatively unscathed from the economic crisis.

What SEC says Goldman did

What the Securities and Exchange Commission says Goldman Sachs did to defraud investors:



- Hedge fund Paulson & Co. asks Goldman Sachs to set up an investment instrument consisting of subprime mortgages; the instrument is called ABACUS 2007-ACI

- Paulson & Co. tells Goldman Sachs which subprime mortgages to include in ABACUS; Paulson pays Goldman \$15 million

- Paulson then buys, through Goldman, an insurance-like investment, betting that ABACUS' value would decline

- April 2007, Goldman sells ABACUS to investors telling them the mortgages had been selected by an independent third party

- Goldman does not tell investors that Paulson had selected the mortgages or that Paulson had bet against them

- Nine months later, ABACUS had lost 99 percent of its value and investors lost \$1 billion; Paulson earned \$1 billion because of its bet against ABACUS

Source: AP, Reuters, Securities and Exchange Commission
Graphic: Judy Treble, Mark Seibel © 2010 MCT

Goldman Sachs denied the allegations. In a statement, it called the SEC's charges "completely unfounded in law and fact" and said it will contest them.

The SEC is seeking to recoup the money lost by investors and

impose unspecified civil fines against Goldman Sachs and the executive, Fabrice Tourre. The SEC could enter into settlement negotiations over the amount if Goldman changed its stance and decided not to fight the charges in a trial.

Toyota recalls 600,000 Sienna minivans

WASHINGTON (AP)—As congressional investigators dig further into potential electronic problems in runaway Toyotas, the automaker is facing other safety concerns, recalling 600,000 Sienna minivans over recall spare tire holders.

The recall Friday came as House investigators said they would hold another hearing in May to review possible electronic problems in runaway Toyotas. The Japanese automaker has recalled more than 8 million vehicles because of faulty accelerator pedals, humbling a car company long known for its quality and safety.

Company leaders vowed to respond quickly to the safety concerns.

Separately, Toyota said its engineers in Japan had duplicated the same results of tests that led

Consumer Reports to issue a rare "don't buy" warning on the 2010 Lexus GX 460 over roll-over concerns. Toyota responded by halting sales of new GX 460s and conducting tests on all of its SUVs.

Lexus spokesman Bill Kwong said the company was evaluating potential remedies for the GX 460 but it was "too early to speculate (on) the details of the remedy and its timing."

Toyota said its latest recall covered the 1998-2010 model year Siennas with two-wheel-drive that have been sold or registered in 20 cold-climate states and the District of Columbia. Toyota said rust from road salt could cause the carrier cable that holds the spare tire to rust and break, allowing the tire to tumble into the road. The problem could threaten the safety of other drivers.

Obama: Fresh crisis without new financial rules

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. is destined to endure a new economic crisis that sticks taxpayers with the bill unless Congress tightens oversight of the financial industry, President Barack Obama said Saturday.

The overhaul is the next major piece of legislation that Obama wants to sign into law this year, but solid GOP opposition in the Senate is jeopardizing that goal.

"Every day we don't act, the same system that led to bailouts remains in place, with the exact same loopholes and the exact same liabilities," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address. "And if we don't change what led to the

crisis, we'll doom ourselves to repeat it.

"Opposing reform will leave taxpayers on the hook if a crisis like this ever happens again," the president said.

A proposal that Senate Democrats are readying for debate creates a mechanism for liquidating large financial companies to avoid a meltdown.

For the first time, the government would regulate derivatives, those financial instruments whose value depends on an underlying asset, such as mortgages or stocks. Derivatives can help hedge risks.

But derivatives can produce steep losses, or huge profits, if the value of their underlying asset sinks.

The proposal also would create a council to detect threats to the financial system and set up a consumer protection agency to police people's dealings with financial institutions.

On Friday, Obama promised to veto the bill if it doesn't regulate the market for derivatives, which contributed to the nation's economic problems after their value plummeted during the housing crisis.



Obama

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



RFP-10-014

REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING 8-INCH PETROLEUM PIPELINE FOR CUC POWER PLANT NOS.: 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting proposals to completely design and conduct engineering (phase 1) and replace (phase 2) the existing CUC fuel transfer pipeline to the power plant 1 & 2 at Lower Base, Saipan. The options required are (a) to have an extension to the port for direct tanker transfer and (b) to have the complete pipeline installation, underground.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until April 12, 2010**.

One (1) original and five (5) copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-10-014, Replacement of Existing 8-inch Petroleum Pipeline for CUC power Plant Nos. 1 & 2" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **April 20, 2010** at 10:00 AM, local time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after that time. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations, § 50-50-225 (Competitive Sealed Proposals).

A mandatory Pre-proposal conference followed by a Site Visit will be arranged for this project on **March 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.** local time at the Saipan Lower Base CUC Power Plant I Administration Bldg. The prospective proposers are required to familiarize themselves with the site conditions.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety of proposal security or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). A Clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a Copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wages, prevailing through the period of contract as indicated in the web page <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

CUC is seeking proposers who have qualifications and experience in installing petroleum pipelines in accordance with 49 CFR regulations other relevant standards including the American Petroleum Institute (API). Contractors are advised that proposals with any conditions or exceptions to the terms of this Request for Proposal (RFP) and failure to supply or respond to any clarification of proposal upon request in a timely manner shall be cause to reject their proposal. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the consent decree noted as Stipulated Order No.2 (SO 2).

Contract will be awarded to the party submitting the most responsive proposal, and who is determined by CUC to be best qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC's interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on **April 14, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, procurement and Supply Manager, CUC P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950 via email - msablan@cucgov.net, Procurement Assistant Ms. Becl Grimes - beckya@cucgov.net and Mr. Venu Prabhakar, Power Generation Engineering Manager - venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarification only to prospective proposers who have registered to the solicitation.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

04-16-10

ITB10-GOV-087

Phase II, Hardening/Renovations of the Juan A. Sablan Administration Building and Elevator Installation Project"

The previously advertised notice, Invitation To Bids ("ITB") for the "Phase II, Hardening/Renovations of the Juan A. Sablan Administration Building and Elevator Installation Project" has been amended. The specific amendment is to include seven (7) sheets of plans and specifications to retrofit energy efficient type windows, extend when bids are due when bids will open and performance time to 180 calendar days. Amendment shall read:

Bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, May 11, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time May 11, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 11, 2010 and must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. May 20, 2010 (Saipan Local Time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 4:00 p.m. Saipan local time, May 20, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on May 11, 2010.

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Office of Capital Improvement, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator at 664-2371 or by fax at 664-2408. Questions are due no later than close of business day April 27, 2010.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement & Supply

Nation

Report: Gates sent White House memo on Iran policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—A memo from Defense Secretary Robert Gates to the White House warned that the United States lacks a nimble long-term plan for dealing with Iran's nuclear program, according to a published report.

Gates wrote the three-page memo in January and it set off efforts in the Pentagon, White House and intelligence agencies to come up with new options, including the use of the military, The New York Times said in its Sunday editions, quoting unnamed government officials.

White House officials Saturday night strongly disagreed with the comments that the memo caused a reconsideration of the administration's approach to Iran.

"It is absolutely false that any memo touched off a reassessment of our options," National Security Council spokesman Benjamin Rhodes told The Associated Press. "This administration has been planning for all contingencies regarding Iran for many months."

One senior official described the memo as "a wake-up call," the paper reported. But the recipient of the document, Gen. James Jones, President Barack Obama's national security adviser, told the newspaper in an interview that the administration has a plan that "anticipates the full range of contingencies."

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell, who did not confirm the memo Saturday night, said the White House has



Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates watches a formal dress parade by the Brigade of Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, prior to a planned evening speech by Gates at the academy.

reviewed many Iran options.

"The secretary believes the president and his national security team have spent an extraordinary amount of time and effort considering and preparing for the full range of contingencies with respect to Iran," Morrell said.

The U.S. is pressing for new interna-

tional sanctions against Iran. The memo contemplates a situation in which sanctions and diplomacy fail to dissuade Iran from pursuing nuclear capability, the Times said.

Obama set a deadline of the end of 2009 for Iran to respond to his offer of dialogue to resolve concerns about Iran's

accelerated nuclear development.

Iran spurned the offer, and since then the administration has pursued what it calls the "pressure track," a combination of stepped-up military activity in Iran's neighborhood and a hard push for a new round of international sanctions that would pinch Iran economically.

White supremacists, demonstrators square off in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A white supremacist group rallied against illegal immigration in downtown Los Angeles Saturday as hundreds of counter-protesters gathered to shout them down in a tense standoff that included several arrests, thrown rocks and police in riot gear.

Police officers stood between the white supremacists and counter-demonstrators on the south lawn of Los Angeles' City Hall, where about 50 members of the National Socialist Movement waved American flags and swastika banners for about an hour.

Five people, all of them counter-protesters, were arrested on suspicion of throwing items, police said.

The white supremacists, many of

them wearing black helmets and black military fatigue uniforms, shouted "Sieg Heil" before each of their speakers took the podium to taunt counter-protesters with racial, anti-Semitic and misogynistic epithets.

"We will meet you head on," one of the white supremacists, whose name could not be made out over the fuzzy public address system, warned the crowd from behind several phalanxes of police in riot gear.

Members of the Detroit-based group said they picked the location for their rally because of Los Angeles' large immigrant population. They accused some of the immigrants of stealing jobs and committing crimes.

Group members also said they were reacting to the recent number of

street marches across the country encouraging legislators to enact reform that includes amnesty for some illegal immigrants.

National Socialist Movement regional director Jeffrey Russell Hall announced that the group would begin backing political candidates who agreed with their anti-immigrant message.

But much of the white supremacists' words were drowned out by such chants as "Hey hey, ho ho, Nazi scum have got to go" from the larger crowd of about 500 counter-protesters who held signs that read "Nazis: Get Out of Los Angeles" and "Racists Are Ignorant."

There was a brief flare-up of violence before the speakers arrived. A

shirtless man was seen being escorted to safety behind police lines by a plainclothes officer as counter-protesters punched and grabbed at him. Blood could be seen at the base of the man's neck.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Man shot, hurt at San Diego County border crossing

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Federal officers shot and injured a man at the nation's busiest border crossing Saturday after he sped away from a gate agent and rammed a pickup while crossing into San Diego County from Mexico, authorities said. The shooting by two U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents occurred about 8:50 a.m. at the San Ysidro Point of Entry, said San Diego Police Lt. Kevin Rooney. The man drove up to a gate in a Chevrolet Tahoe and told a customs inspector he didn't have any official identification. After offering some nonofficial documentation, the man was directed to a secondary inspection area.

2 decades after shaking baby, father jailed again

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP)—Soon after Christina Welch turned 18 in the spring of 2005, her biological parents asked permission to pay her a visit. Mike and Tina Wells broke down when the bed covers were pulled back and they saw the state of the girl: so severely brain damaged as a baby that she never learned to walk, talk or sit up

Pot enthusiasts gather at California cannabis expo

DALY CITY, Calif. (AP)—Medical marijuana users near San Francisco lit up Saturday at the opening of the two-day International Cannabis and Hemp Expo, where vendors displayed bongs, vaporizers, hash brownies and other marijuana-related products.

Organizers of the event at the Cow Palace said they insisted on having an onsite medicating area before holding the expo. Under a white-canopied courtyard, young adults in baggy jeans and baseball caps smoked alongside aging hippies.

Adrian Hernandez said marijuana use helps him deal with chronic knee pain.

"Everybody needs their medication when they need it," said Hernandez, who is in his 30s. "We'd have to step

out and go hide in our cars."

In 1996, California voters approved a measure that allowed sick people to use marijuana if they have doctor referrals and an identification card.

But marijuana advocates want to take it a step further. In November, voters will consider a ballot measure on whether to legalize and tax pot in California.

Bob Katzman, chief operations officer for the expo, said one of the goals of the event—held in an arena that once hosted The Beatles and the 1964 Republican Convention—was to show just how big and far-reaching the state's pot industry has become.

"I think we're already mainstream," he said. "At least in Northern California."

Katzman said he obtained permission for the medicating area last year from the Cow Palace, which is controlled by the state, after years of negotiations. He credited the recent push to legalize marijuana in part for the approval.

The expo, and others like it, will help develop the multibillion dollar pot industry, said Bucky Fisher, national sales manager for Medical Marijuana Inc., which sells hemp-related products and provides services to ensure marijuana dispensaries follow the law.

"It makes the industry more of a community, more visible, more powerful," he said. "This country is definitely in need of a homegrown industry, and this could be it."

LA's ex-gangsters train to go against gang life

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The phone rang around 2 a.m., waking Teeida Townsend. "My homie got killed," the caller said.

Townsend knew how the cycle plays out here in the gang heartland of south Los Angeles: a killing, a revenge shooting, and then another. He rushed to the crime scene. Gang members were growing agitated. Beyond the yellow police tape, the bullet-riddled body of their teenage homeboy lay beneath a white sheet.

"We have to keep calm, we don't want no retaliation, don't pick up those guns," he remembered telling them.

Townsend's no cop. He's an ex-Crip, and one of the ranks of former gang bangers known as "gang interventionists" who police have come to rely on to ease tensions. But the recent felony convictions of several of them and the case of another accused of ordering a hit on a detective have undermined their credibility and proven an embarrassment to the city's anti-gang office that has funded them.

To bolster the program, officials are offering them training to help them walk the hazardous line between gangs and the police, without endangering themselves or others and without falling back into gang life.

"It's very difficult work to do and it takes a toll on the person," said Guillermo Cespedes, director of the Mayor's Office on Gang Reduction and Youth Development. "How to train professionals in that field is a challenge."

by herself. Maureen Welch, the woman who had adopted her, walked into the kitchen to leave the three of them alone, thinking to herself that it was good the couple finally got to see what Mike Wells had done to his infant daughter. "I didn't know I hurt her that bad," he said to Welch when he came into the kitchen. He apologized and told Welch she was a guardian angel sent by God to take care of their Christina.

Mafia-related fugitive nabbed in Ky. after 2 days

VERSAILLES, Ky. (AP)—Authorities say they've caught a Mafia-affiliated fugitive who spent two days on the run after kicking out the door of a prison van in Kentucky. U.S. Marshals Service spokesman Craig Smith said 37-year-old Derek A. Capozzi was captured without incident in Versailles (vur-SAYLZ) Saturday afternoon. Capozzi escaped from custody on Thursday. He had been in Kentucky to testify in a federal trial. In 2005, Capozzi was identified by federal prosecutors in Massachusetts as a member of a Mafia-affiliated drug gang that killed a 19-year-old woman suspected of cooperating with investigators.

Asia

Thai PM not planning crackdown on protesters



Pro-government demonstrators wave flags and hold the portraits of King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit during a rally to support Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva at Victory Monument Saturday, April 17, 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand.

AP

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's beleaguered government insisted it had no plan for an immediate crackdown on protesters despite handing over security operations to the army chief, saying Saturday too many people are camped in central Bangkok to use force.

A failed attempt by security forces last weekend to flush thousands of anti-government protesters from the historic district of the capital erupted into

the worse political violence the country has seen in two decades. At least 24 people were killed and 800 wounded.

Since then, the protesters have consolidated in Bangkok's main business and hotel neighborhood and calls have mounted for a harder government stance against the demonstrators whose presence is scaring away tourists and rattling the stock market.

Despite a Saturday morning downpour, thousands of protesters maintained their base in the Rajprasong shopping area and vowed to stay until they bring down Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's government. They held a Buddhist ceremony to pay respects to those killed in last Saturday's clashes, with pictures of the dead displayed on a protest stage as monks chanted blessings.

Chinese president Hu flies to Tibetan quake zone

JIEGU, China (AP)—Chinese President Hu Jintao flew to the remote, mountainous Tibetan region devastated by an earthquake as the flow of rescue supplies picked up pace Sunday.

Hu flew from Beijing after cutting short an official trip to South America to deal with the disaster that killed nearly 1,500 people in western China.

Residents could be seen at makeshift sidewalk stores buying food. The Ministry of Commerce said it was sending 30 modified vans that will become

mobile stores.

Most survivors were living in tents and had basic food and clean water, said Zou Ming, head of the disaster relief at the Ministry of Civil Affairs, told a news conference in Beijing.

Still, Zou said, getting aid to the region, which is a 12-hour drive from the provincial capital, remained a problem.

He said 25,000 tents, more than 50,000 cotton-padded quilts, and 850 tons of instant food and drinking water had been delivered to the quake zone.

The death toll stood at 1,484 people, Zou said, adding that another 312 people were still missing as of Saturday evening.

Some of the dead have been cremated. In a hillside ceremony Saturday, Buddhist monks in face masks set ablaze piles of blanket-wrapped bodies in a mass cremation, as necessity forced them to break with the local tradition of "sky burials"—leaving corpses on a platform to be devoured by vultures.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Afghan president appoints electoral officials

KABUL (AP)—President Hamid Karzai took key steps toward reforming the country's electoral system Saturday, naming a respected former judge to head Afghanistan's election-organizing body and backing down from a bid to keep international representatives off a separate team that monitors fraud. The moves come after months of demands by the U.S. and its allies to clean up the electoral process following massive fraud in last year's presidential balloting. Without meeting those demands, the Afghan government risked losing both funds for an upcoming parliamentary vote and broader international support. Disagreements about how to handle last year's fraud-marred presidential vote nearly derailed the U.S.-Afghan partnership, even as President Barack Obama was ordering thousands more U.S. troops to try to turn back the Taliban. Many international diplo-

mats and officials have been worried that parliamentary elections scheduled for September could prove similarly disastrous.

Suicide bomb at police station kills 7 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Police say a suicide bomber rammed a truck loaded with explosives into a police station in Pakistan, killing seven passersby. Senior police officer Abdullah Khan said 26 people were wounded in the attack Sunday at Saddar police station in Kohat region. Twin suicide attacks in the same region Saturday targeted refugees who were fleeing the Orakzai tribal area where Pakistan's army is conducting an operation against militants. That attack killed 41 people as they lined up to register for food and relief supplies. Officer Dilawar Khan said the victims of the police station bombing were mostly civilians. Six of the wounded were police. Dilawar Khan said the truck was loaded with up to

250 kilograms of explosives.

10 injured in 2 bombs near Indian cricket stadium

NEW DELHI (AP)—Two small bombs exploded Saturday outside a cricket stadium in southern India shortly before a match was about to start, police said, injuring 10 people and setting off panic among fans. The Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore is hosting a game between the home team, Bangalore Royal Challengers, and the Mumbai Indians, as part of the popular Indian Premier League tournament. The city police commissioner told reporters that four officers and a security guard were among the wounded. The guard's injuries were serious. "It appears that some explosives may have been hidden in the wall" next to a gate leading to the stadium, said Shankar Bidari, whose comments were broadcast on several news channels. "The explosives weren't powerful."

World

Ash may hover for days over uncertain Europe

PARIS (AP)—The Icelandic volcano that has kept much of Europe land-bound is far from finished spitting out its grit, and offered up new mini-eruptions Saturday that raise concerns about longer-term damage to world air travel and trade.

Facing days to come under the volcano's unpredictable, ashy plume, Europeans are looking at temporary airport layoffs and getting creative with flight patterns to try to weather this extraordinary event.

Modern Europe has never seen such a travel disruption. Air space across a swath from Britain to Ukraine was closed and set to stay that way until Sunday

or Monday in some countries, affecting airports from New Zealand to San Francisco. Millions of passengers have had plans foiled or delayed.

Activity in the volcano at the heart of this increased early Saturday, and showed no sign of abating.

"There doesn't seem to be an end in sight," Icelandic geologist Magnus Tumi Gudmundsson told The Associated Press on Saturday. "The activity has been quite vigorous overnight, causing the eruption column to grow."

Scientists say that because the volcano is situated below a glacial ice cap, the magma is being

cooled quickly, causing explosions and plumes of grit that can be catastrophic to plane engines, depending on prevailing winds.

In Iceland, winds dragged the ashes over new farmland, to the southwest of the glacier, causing farmers to scramble to secure their cattle and board up windows.

With the sky blackened out and the wind driving a fine, sticky dust, dairy farmer Berglind Hilmarsdottir teamed up with neighbors to round her animals and get them to shelter. The ash is toxic—the fluoride causes long-term bone damage that makes teeth fall out and bones break.

WORLD BRIEFS

Poland holds public memorial for crash victims

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Some 100,000 Poles filled Warsaw's biggest public square Saturday, joining together for a memorial and funeral Mass for the 96 people killed in a plane crash a week earlier. The thickening cloud of volcanic ash over Europe caused some world leaders—including President Barack Obama, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper—to cancel plans to attend Sunday's state funeral. Still, some European leaders said they would drive to Krakow. Obama "waited as long as possible before he made the decision because he wanted to come," said Lee Feinstein, U.S. Ambassador to Poland. "But it was impossible for him to travel."

Pope on pilgrimage in nation hit by sex scandal

VALLETTA, Malta (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI on Saturday began a pilgrimage in Malta, a Catholic nation buffeted by the worldwide clerical sex abuse scandal and where victims are hoping to meet with him as a way to deal with their pain. Benedict made no direct comments on the scandals during a five-minute appearance to reporters aboard the flight that took him from Rome, nor in his formal arrival remarks before Maltese officials and foreign diplomats at the airport. The overnight trip is his first foreign travels since the full force of the scandals have rocked the church and threatened to engulf his papacy. Benedict, for his earlier roles as an archbishop in Germany and later in his long tenure at the helm of the Vatican morals office, has been accused by victim groups of being part of systematic practice of cover-up by church hierarchy for pedophile priests. The groups are demanding he take responsibility for the Vatican as an institution.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Twelfth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room, 2nd Floor NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

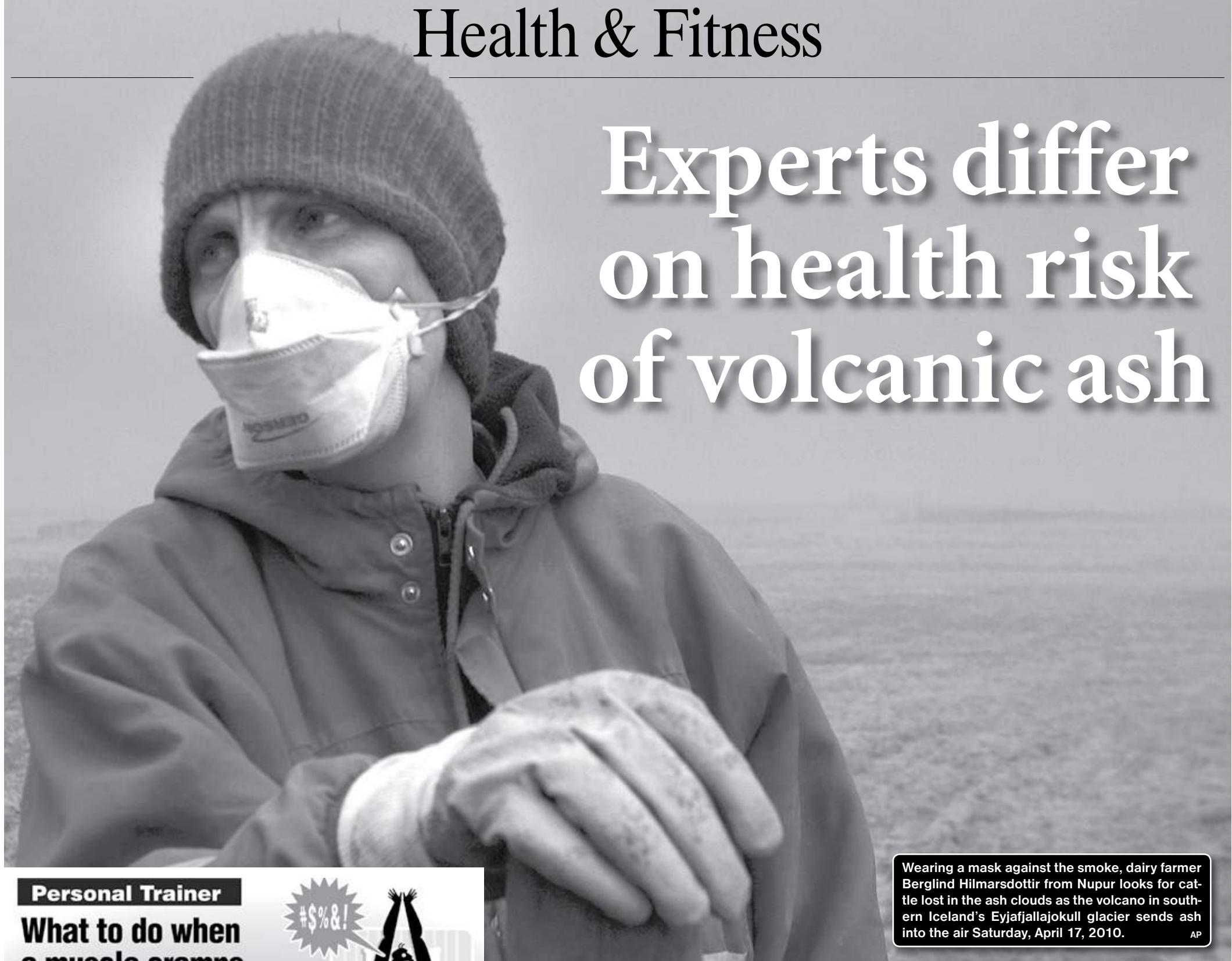
- I. Preliminary
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
 1. Minutes of December 22, 2009 RBOE Meeting
 2. Minutes of January 11, 2010 Regular & Inaugural Meeting
 3. Minutes of January 14, 2010 SBOE Meeting
 4. Minutes of March 12, 2010 SBOE Meeting
- II. Public Comments¹
- III. Executive Session²
 - a. Legal Updates
 - b. Personnel Matters
 1. Contract Renewal for BOE Staff
 - c. Other matters
- IV. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Board Committees
 - i. CIA
 - ii. CIP
 - iii. FPA
 - iv. LIA
 - v. School Reform
 - vi. Ad Hoc
 - vii. Special Education & Early Childhood
 - c. Student Representative
 - d. Commissioner of Education
 - i. Financial Status Reports (Federal & Local)
 - ii. Human Resource
 - iii. Head Start Program
 - iv. Other matters
- V. Old Business
 1. Amendment to Record Retention for job applications and eligibility lists [§§60-30.2-114 and 60-30.3-138 of the NMI Code, ref: 1306]
 2. Accounting and Reporting: Travel and Reimbursement [§60-20-720 NMI Admin. Code]
 3. 2008-2009 Annual Report
- VI. New Business
 1. Special Education
 - a. Part B Grant Application for FY 2010
 - b. Part C Grant Application for FY 2010
 2. Federal Program
 - a. Proposed State Fiscal and Stabilization Funds (SFSF) Amendments
 - b. Emergency Logistics Management Operations Manual (ELMO)
 - c. Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS)
 - d. Proposed Use of SFSF Indirect Cost
 - e. State Fiscal and Stabilization Funds (SFSF) Part II
 - f. Revised 2010 Federal Transit Administration Grant Application
 3. Head Start Program
 - a. 2009-2010 Self-Assessment
 - b. 2009-2010 Updated Community Assessment Report
 - c. 2010 Community Partnership Memorandum of Agreement
 - d. FY 2010 Basic Grant Application
 - e. FY 2010 Supplemental Grant Application (COLA)
 4. Endorsement of Written Statements to House Bill No. 16-45, HD 6
 5. Proposed 2010-2011 School Calendar
 6. Kindergarten Proposal
 7. Revision of Travel Requirements Policy
 8. Sick Leave Policy
 9. Substitute Teacher
 10. Teacher/Administrator Ethics Codes
 11. Transfer of Certification and Licensure
 12. San Vicente Aquaculture (FTE)
 13. Cost Analysis of the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment
 14. Bilingual Science Textbook
- VII. Miscellaneous Matters
 - a. NSBA Trip Report
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Health & Fitness

Experts differ on health risk of volcanic ash



Personal Trainer What to do when a muscle cramps

When a muscle is stretched beyond its normal range or suddenly tightened, it may go into a painful spasm – a cramp. Some examples:

Classic cramp

- Person sleeping in bed awakens and stretches
- Calf muscle contracts violently, with a hard, tense knot in its center

Cramped quarters

- Person sits in an awkward position, and a muscle suddenly cramps

Overexertion

- Person not accustomed to vigorous exercise gets leg cramps after a brisk walk

Massage the best treatment

Kneading the muscle and stretching it gently help reduce the pain and end the spasm



Usually not a concern

If accompanied by other symptoms, cramps can sometimes indicate a more serious problem:

- Heat exhaustion, which also causes fainting and pale, cold skin
- Some circulatory disorders, which cause cramps after walking



GENEVA (AP)—Europeans should try to stay indoors if ash from Iceland's volcano starts settling, the World Health Organization warned Friday as small amounts fell in Iceland, Scotland and Norway.

WHO spokesman Daniel Epstein said the microscopic ash is potentially dangerous for people when it starts to reach the Earth because inhaled particles can enter the lungs and cause respiratory problems.

"We're very concerned about it," Epstein said. "These particles when inhaled can reach the peripheral regions of ... the lungs and can cause problems—especially for people with asthma or respiratory problems." He also said Europeans who go outside might want to consider wearing a mask.

Other experts, however, weren't convinced the volcanic ash would have a major effect on peoples' health and said WHO's warnings were "hysterical." They said volcanic ash was much less dangerous than cigarette smoke or pollution.

Volcanic ash is made of fine particles of fragmented volcanic rock. It is light gray to black and can be as fine as talcum powder. During a volcanic eruption, the ash can be breathed deep into the lungs and cause irritation even in healthy people. But once it falls from a greater distance—like from the cloud currently hovering above Europe—its health effects are

often minimal, experts say.

The Icelandic volcano that erupted Wednesday has sent an enormous cloud of microscopic basalt ash particles across northern Europe, grounding aircraft across continent. It is drifting above 20,000 feet (6,000 meters), high and invisible from the ground.

"Not all particles are created equal," said Ken Donaldson, a professor of respiratory toxicology at the University of Edinburgh, who has studied the impact of volcanic ash in people. "In the great scheme of things, volcanic ash is not all that harmful."

Donaldson said most Europeans' exposure to volcanic ash would be negligible and that only those in the near vicinity of the Icelandic volcano would likely be at risk.

"Once the volcanic particles are in the stratosphere, they're getting massively diluted because there's a lot of air and other particles blowing around," he said.

He said after previous volcanic eruptions, little impact has been seen in people's health, except for those with lung problems who were close to the volcano.

Dr. Stephen Spiro, a professor of respiratory medicine and deputy chair of the British Lung Foundation, said the further the particles travel, they more diluted and less dangerous they will be. "The cloud has already passed over northern Scotland and we haven't heard

Wearing a mask against the smoke, dairy farmer Berglind Hilmarsdottir from Nupur looks for cattle lost in the ash clouds as the volcano in southern Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull glacier sends ash into the air Saturday, April 17, 2010.

AP

Life & Style

Prosecutors argue Polanski victim can't alter case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Roman Polanski's victim cannot ask for the 32-year-old sex case to be dismissed against the fugitive director or otherwise impact the case, prosecutors argued in a court filing Friday.

In a filing to the California Second District Court of Appeal, Los Angeles County prosecutors argue a recent constitutional revision spelling out crime victims' rights does not grant them the power to determine the outcome of criminal cases.

They are also asking the appeals court to reject requests by Polanski's victim, Samantha Geimer, to have the case heard in another county and unseal recent testimony by a former prosecutor.

Prosecutors argue that granting her request for dismissal would "fundamentally alter the way in which crimes are prosecuted." The filing argues that if victims were parties to criminal cases, cases could be dropped either through intimidation, coercion or public pressure.

Geimer petitioned the appeals court to dismiss the case and make the other rulings in a March petition. That filing argued a 2008 constitutional amendment, dubbed Marsy's Law, gives victims more input into criminal cases. Geimer's attorney, Lawrence Silver, has argued twice before that the amendment meant his client's request for dismissal should be considered.

Silver did not return a phone message seeking com-

ment Friday.

Geimer's filing is a separate appeal from one being pursued by Polanski's attorneys that seeks the appointment of a special counsel to investigate alleged judicial misconduct in the case.

The court has not yet ruled on Polanski's appeal.

California voters in November 2008 approved a measure that wrote specific victims' rights into the state constitution, including giving them more notice about criminal proceedings.

Geimer has repeatedly sought to have the case dismissed, arguing that renewed interest of the case and media coverage has led to her being repeatedly victimized.

Polanski was accused in 1977 of plying Geimer, then age 13, with champagne and part of a Quaalude pill then raping her at Jack Nicholson's house.

Polanski was indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy. He later pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful sexual intercourse.

Authorities are seeking Polanski's extradition from Switzerland so he can be sentenced on the charge. The Academy Award-winning director fled the United States on the eve of sentencing in 1978.

He remains on house arrest in his chalet in the Swiss luxury resort of Gstaad.



In this Monday, Sept. 29, 2008 file photo, Roman Polanski is seen in Oberhausen, western Germany. AP

Domingo applauded for 14 minutes at La Scala

MILAN (AP)—A beaming Placido Domingo blew a kiss at the adoring crowd after his heroic portrayal of Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra" Friday night, the Spanish tenor's first performance since cancer surgery 45 days ago.

His 131st role was something to sing about.

"It was a great evening," Domingo said backstage, after greeting the many friends who crowded to congratulate him. "It was very emotional. I was happy to be in front of an audience."

The applause went on for 14 minutes, mixed with a scattering of boos for conductor Daniel Barenboim—who was warmly embraced by his longtime friend Domingo on stage as the cast continued the curtain calls after much of the audience had left.

The scattered disapproval didn't dim Domingo's triumph. He called the notoriously rough La Scala crowd warm.

"La Scala is always La Scala. There is a fantastic audience that feels great passion. You heard a generally enthusiastic audience," Domingo said. "There were two or three who had memories of 30 years ago," and showed it with boos.

The 69-year-old Spanish tenor underwent colon cancer surgery just six weeks ago. He acknowledges he put off getting a routine colonoscopy for years—thinking he would do it after the La Scala run—and finally succumbed to severe pain after concerts in Japan in February, which he said he managed to get through.

Doctors in New York removed the cancerous tissue on March 2, and Domingo counts himself lucky because they got it early enough.

"My biggest triumph ever is the one over illness," Domingo said earlier this week, acknowledging fear that his career



Spanish tenor singer Placido Domingo performs a sound check in Mexico City, Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009. AP

could have been over.

Domingo will be singing a rare baritone role for "Simon Boccanegra," but said he remains a tenor.

"I am a singer who has sung for many years, who has experience, and who represents Simon as I feel him. I don't pretend to be a baritone. I pretend to sing, and to create characters within my vocal capacity," Domingo said.

Among those attending Friday night's concert was Jose Carreras, one of the Three Tenors along with Domingo and

the late Luciano Pavarotti.

The production, conducted by Barenboim with stage direction by Federico Tiezzi, premiered in October in Berlin Staatsoper, where Barenboim has a permanent podium. It has been resized for the bigger La Scala theater, and Tiezzi said he made the backdrops more spare.

The Berlin debut was a huge success, especially for Domingo.

"But Verdi at La Scala is Verdi at La Scala, and the joy of returning to Milan is double because of the circumstances,"

Domingo said.

Domingo will sing six performances of "Simon Boccanegra" at La Scala, before taking it to London's Royal Opera in June and Madrid's Teatro Real in July.

Cuban writer, activist Carlos Franqui dies at 89

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Cuban writer and political activist Carlos Franqui, an important figure in the Cuban revolution who later became one of the most outspoken critics of Fidel Castro, has died. He was 89.

Franqui died late Thursday in Puerto Rico after a brief hospitalization for bronchial and heart problems, according to family friend Andres Candelario.

The son of a poor farmer, Franqui entered leftist political movements as a youth, joined and left the Communist Party and became a journalist who eventually joined Castro's rebellion against dictator Fulgencio Batista.

He edited the movement newspaper "Revolucion before and after Castro's insurgents defeated Batista, but increasingly clashed with hard-liners who were restricting cultural and political dissent.

Franqui moved abroad in 1963 and openly broke with the communist government in 1968 when he denounced the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

"For him, the experience of having helped build a revolution that destroyed his country was extraordinarily bitter," Candelario said. "He was immensely affected by having forced a system that in the end he had to confront and fight against."

In a 2006 interview with the Mexican magazine "Letras Libres," Franqui said he had rejected Fidel Castro's offer to be a military commander and later a minister.

"What I wanted to create was a

And his schedule doesn't stop there. In September, he will sing the role of the poet Pablo Neruda in the world premiere of "Il Postino" in Los Angeles, and has engagements in Vienna in December.

cultural revolution, not a bureaucratic one, and invite the whole world to get to know Cuba and its Revolution," he said.

In the end, he said he decided that freedom of expression was incompatible with revolutionary thought: "Culture is liberty and the revolution is the negation of liberty."

Before the break, Franqui had been entrusted with an abortive project to write an official biography of Castro—material he later used in one of his most high-profile books, "Family Portrait with Fidel."

His "Diary of the Cuban Revolution," published in 1976, remains one of the most-quoted works on the history of that struggle.

Franqui also was a poet and art critic who mingled with artists and intellectuals including Picasso, Miro and Jean-Paul Sartre, said Angel Padilla, editor of an anti-Castro government publication in Puerto Rico.

Franqui also was well-known for organizing an influential 1967 art exhibit in Havana, the "Salon de mayo," which featured the works of artists including Picasso, Max Ernst and Wilfredo Lam.

After having lived abroad, Franqui moved to Puerto Rico in the early 1990s and established, along with Candelario, the magazine Carta de Cuba, which publishes the work of independent journalists on Cuban issues.

Franqui leaves a wife and two sons.

Hollywood vs The Volcano: Ash disrupts celebs



People walk past signs outside New York's Carnegie Hall including one, left, indicating that the performance "Making Music: Louis Andriessen" scheduled for that evening Saturday April 17, 2010 has been cancelled.

LOSANGELES (AP)—A volcanic cloud of ash hovering over Europe is causing quite a scene in Hollywood and beyond.

The ash spat out by an Icelandic volcano that has left thousands of air travelers stranded is also affecting celebrities, filmmakers, musicians and even pro-wrestlers.

With almost two-thirds of Europe's flights grounded, cancellations and postponements were popping up across the entertainment landscape on Saturday as Icelandic scientists warned that volcanic activity had increased and showed no sign of abating.

Organizers of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, Calif., tweeted that some acts were forced to pull out of the weekend event, including British rockers The Cribs and Bad Lieutenant, Scottish rockers Frightened Rabbit, and British dance trio Delphic. It also appears unlikely that British synth singer Gary Numan will make it to Coachella for his Sunday slot.

"The last thing I expected this morning when I woke up was to hear that

volcanic ash might be preventing us from flying to America," Numan posted on his Web site Friday.

Bad Lieutenant announced Saturday it was also canceling concert dates through Wednesday in San Francisco, Chicago and New York because of flight disruptions.

"We're stuck in Manchester," said band member Bernard Sumner in a statement. "We were hoping that conditions might change at the last minute and we'd be able to come and play for our fans. Obviously, this is a situation out of everyone's control, and we are crushed that we won't be coming to America for these dates."

Whitney Houston was forced to ditch a plane for a ferry across the Irish Sea to perform in Dublin. The R&B diva, currently in the middle of her "Nothing But Love" world tour, opted for the not-so-glamorous boat ride after no-fly orders shut down airports across Europe. Houston is scheduled to perform the first of three shows Saturday at the O2 arena in London.

The ash cloud also grounded several other musicians in Europe. Welsh indie pop band Los Campesinos! canceled their Friday appearance at

the Culture Shock Festival in Purchase, N.Y., as well as their Saturday concert in Hoboken, N.J. Pop singer Mika postponed his Friday concert in Lisbon, Portugal, after unexpectedly finding himself stranded in Paris.

"Volcano freak out," he tweeted. "This is bad."

Scientists were indicating that travel chaos could extend into the new week, increasing the threat to New York's Tribeca Film Festival, which begins Wednesday. Festival organizers said that some early arrivals—those scheduled to fly in Monday to help promote their films—had already been grounded. Tribeca is to feature films from nearly 40 countries, with many filmmakers from Europe expected to attend.

The cloud situation was also causing havoc for World Wrestling Entertainment, the professional wrestling organization nearing the end of a two-week European tour. Several wrestlers and crew members traveled for nearly 17 hours in buses and ferries to make it from Lieven, France, to Belfast, Ireland. The trip normally takes about an hour and a half in a plane.

WWE spokesman Kevin Hennessy said it was unclear if everyone would

arrive in time for Monday night's scheduled "WWE Raw" event at the Izod Center in East Rutherford, N.J. He said the WWE wrestlers and crew normally "fly commercial, but we are booking a charter just to be safe." Hennessy added that "Sunday is normally a simple travel day—very easy."

Worldwide press junkets for two of the summer season's most anticipated films—"Iron Man 2," starring Robert Downey Jr., and "Robin Hood," starring Russell Crowe—also were still scheduled as planned next weekend in London, according to studio officials.

Some U.S. book publishing executives were forced to cancel plans to attend next week's London Book Fair because of the disrupted air travel. But organizers said Friday the three-day gathering will proceed as scheduled.

Back in Hollywood, Saturday's blue-carpet world premiere of DisneyNature's "Oceans," at the El Capitan Theatre was already prepared to hit bumpy waters. The film's French director, Jacques Cluzaud, and producers won't be attending the debut of their Disney documentary narrated by Pierce Brosnan and starring underwater critters. They're stuck overseas.

Actor Danny Glover, 11 others arrested in Md.

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP)—Actor Danny Glover and 11 others have been arrested during a labor union protest at the Maryland headquarters of a food service company.

Montgomery County police spokesman Capt. Paul Starks says Glover and others stepped past yellow police tape and were asked to step back three times at Sodexo headquarters. When they refused, Starks says officers arrested them.

The dozen were issued citations for trespassing and let go. Starks says they face a \$1,000 fine or 90 days in jail.

Starks says organizers told police be-

forehand that some would risk arrest.

The Service Employees International Union was protesting what it calls Sodexo's unfair and illegal treatment of workers. Sodexo says the union was spreading misinformation.

A publicist for the "Lethal Weapon" actor declined to comment.



Actor Danny Glover, left, is arrested by Montgomery County Police, as SEIU President Andy Stern, cheers Glover on, during a protest by the SEIU of Sodexo headquarters in Gaithersburg, Md. on Friday, April 16, 2010.



In this Feb. 4, 1969 file photo shows former Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi as he speaks to members of the media at LaGuardia Airport in New York

NFL to help produce Broadway play

NEW YORK (AP)—The NFL is taking Vince Lombardi to Broadway.

For the first time, the league will help produce a Broadway play, its first venture into live theater. The league will serve as a special producing partner of "Lombardi," which will star Dan Lauria, a regular on the TV show "The Wonder Years" and former college football player and high school coach.

"Lombardi" is scheduled to open Oct. 21 at the Circle in the Square Theatre. It will be directed by Tony Award nominee Thomas Kail.

"Football and Broadway are both iconic American forms of entertainment, and the NFL is proud to bring these two unique and passionate audiences together under one roof," said Tracy Perlman, NFL vice president of entertainment marketing and promotions. "Lombardi's charisma and coaching style were legendary—and intensely theatrical. Football fans will learn more about the dramatic private life of the sports hero for whom the Super Bowl trophy is named, and Broadway audiences will be captivated by the story of a family chasing the American dream."

Although the NFL is not putting up any money for the play, it will promote and market "Lombardi" through NFL Network, nfl.com and its teams, specifically the Green Bay Packers. Lombardi won five NFL titles, including the first two Super Bowls, with the Packers.

Lauria, who played at Southern Connecticut State, will be at next week's draft and will journey to Green Bay at some point this off-season. The actor hopes to "get a sense of what Vince Lombardi meant and continues to mean to the fans, particularly in Green Bay," said Brian McCarthy, NFL vice president of corporate communications.

The original concept for the play was brought to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell by Tony Ponturo, who was behind Anheuser-Busch's heavy involvement in sports sponsorship and now runs a sports and entertainment management and marketing company. Ponturo will serve as producer of "Lombardi," which is based on a book by David Maraniss. Academy Award winner Eric Simonson has written the Broadway adaptation.

The league also is involved with a film project on the Hall of Fame coach that will star Robert De Niro.

'Glee' among GLAAD Media Awards winners

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Glee" has another reason to be happy.

The Fox musical was among the winners at the 21st annual GLAAD Media Awards. The show's cast and creator Ryan Murphy accepted the trophy for outstanding comedy series at Saturday's ceremony. Other winners included "A Single Man" for outstanding film, actress Drew Barrymore for the Vanguard Award and comedian Wanda Sykes for the Stephen F. Kolzak Award.

The awards salute fair, accurate and inclusive representa-



Sexually active seniors risk spreading disease

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: April is Sexually Transmitted Disease/Infection (STD/STI) Month. The good news is that many younger people pay attention to the education they have received and are more likely to use protection when having sex.

The troubling news is, one of the fastest-growing groups of people contracting and spreading STDs/STIs is senior citizens. Some blame medications for erectile dysfunction; others blame midlife divorces and online dating sites. The biggest factor is lack of education. When seniors were growing up, they had to think about only two STDs. Today there are many more.

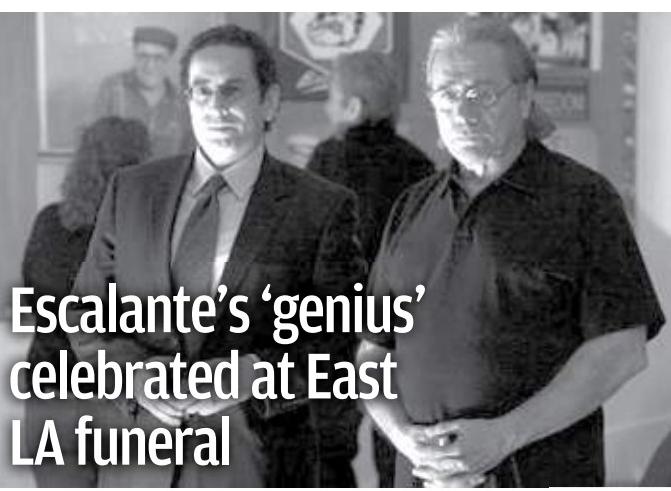
Back then, the "worst" thing that could happen if you had unprotected sex was that you could get pregnant. Now, because many are past menopause, that risk factor is gone, so they don't use condoms. And the STDs and STIs rage on.

Many seniors won't talk to their doctors about their sexual activity, and—worse—many doctors don't bring up the subject because they feel uncomfortable or mistakenly assume older people don't engage in sexual activity. Please, Abby, urge your older readers to get tested for STDs/STIs.

EDWARD SALKO, D.O., FORT MYERS, FLA.



Dear Abby



Escalante's 'genius' celebrated at East LA funeral

Juan Sepulveda, executive director, White House Initiative on Education Excellence for Hispanics, left, and actor Edward James Olmos, right, pay their respects to Jaime Escalante, a Bolivian-born American educator, at a memorial service at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles on Friday, Apr. 16, 2010.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The funeral for "Stand and Deliver" math teacher Jaime Escalante has drawn some 600 family and friends, including Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and actor Edward James Olmos.

Olmos led the Saturday service at East Los Angeles College. He helped make Escalante famous when he played him in the 1988 film "Stand and Deliver."

Olmos said Escalante was "a genius in teaching, but he was a

saint when it came to empowering students."

The funeral began with a procession from East LA's Garfield High School, where Escalante inspired struggling students to excel at advanced math and science.

Escalante's wife, two sons and family members from his native Bolivia were also at the service.

Escalante died March 30 of cancer at age 79.

Victim's stepdad told to pay singer's legal costs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—A federal judge says the stepfather of one of three Arkansas boys slain in 1993 must pay Dixie Chicks singer Natalie Maines' legal costs stemming from a defamation lawsuit he filed against the band.

District Judge Brian S. Miller ordered Terry Hobbs, the stepfather of victim Stevie Branch, to pay \$17,590 to Natalie Pasdar, Maines' married name. The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported the ruling Saturday.

In December, Miller dismissed a suit Hobbs filed over Maines' remarks at a 2007 Little Rock rally implying he was involved in killing his stepson. The judge said Hobbs had voluntarily injected himself into a public controversy over whether three teenagers convicted of killing the three 8-year-old



In this file photo made Dec. 19, 2007, Dixie Chicks lead singer Natalie Maines speaks at a rally on behalf of an organization seeking release or new trials for three Arkansas prison inmates in Little Rock, Ark.

boys had been wrongfully condemned.

Cast of Glee, including Chris Colfer, left, Jane Lynch, center, Jenna Ushkowitz and Jessalyn Gilsig, right accepting the Future Classic award at the eighth annual TV Land Awards on Saturday, April 17, 2010, in Los Angeles.

tion of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and the issues that affect their lives in the media. Other winners—chosen from 152 nominees in

32 categories—were awarded at a March ceremony in New York, while the remainder will be presented at a San Francisco ceremony in June.

Christina Applegate engaged to wed rocker beau

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Christina Applegate is engaged to marry musician Martyn Lenoble. Applegate's publicist, Ame Van Iden, said Friday that the couple of two years became betrothed on Valentine's Day.

This will be the second marriage for both the actress and the Dutch rocker. No wedding date has been set.

Applegate's recent credits include TV's "Samantha Who?" and the movie "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel." She is set to appear with Drew Barrymore and Justin Long in the film "Going the Distance," due this summer.

Lenoble is a founding mem-



In this Jan. 23, 2010 file photo, Christina Applegate, left, and Martyn Lenoble arrive at the 16th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles.

ber of the rock group Porno for Pyros.

Lambert, Shelton, Adkins win early ACM Awards

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Things just got hotter for Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton, country music's "it" couple.

Miranda Lambert won the Academy of Country Music Award for best video of the year for "White Liar" and Shelton won event of the year with Trace Adkins for their hit song "Hillbilly Bone." The first two ACM Awards were given out Saturday night at the MGM Grand.

Turns out it was Lambert who convinced Shelton to pitch the idea for "Hillbilly Bone" to Adkins.

It was the third ACM win for Adkins and the first for Shelton, who says the award finally makes him feel like he's been accepted in Nashville.

Lambert is up for five other awards, including album of the year for "Revolution," during Sunday's televised ceremony.



In this Jan. 31, 2010 file photo, Miranda Lambert arrives for the Jamie Foxx Post Grammy Celebration in Los Angeles. Lambert on Saturday April 17, 2010 won the Academy of Country Music Award in Las Vegas for best video of the year for "White Liar."

DEAR DR. SALKO: I long for the days when the only things people associated April with were paying taxes and the rain that would bring May flowers. But enough about ancient history.

Readers, if you are sexually active—and this applies to those of you from your teens to your 90s—for your own sake as well as that of your partner, use a condom every time unless you and your partner have been tested for STDs and know with certainty that neither of you has one. Not everyone who has an STD is aware of it—and you can't tell by looking at someone whether that person is infected.

DEAR ABBY: I work with a woman who talks to dragonflies and believes she was abducted by aliens. She's one of those people who come across as sweet and caring, but complain and gossip behind your back. I work in close proximity to her and must interact with her daily. I can't stand her, yet she relentlessly tries to "befriend" me regardless of how hard I try to make it clear I'm not interested.

Recently there was a fire in my home and our family was left with nothing. Miss "X" offered me her deceased mother's dinner set. I felt awkward accepting it, but because she told me it made her feel good to spread parts of her mother around, I accepted. Now I regret accepting it because she thinks I'm indebted to her, and she makes my life miserable trying to engage me in mindless conversations during work.

Abby, I thanked her for the dinner set at the time she gave it to me. How long do I have to pretend to like her?

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DEAR NOT INTERESTED: You always have to be polite and considerate, because that's common courtesy. A way to handle this would be for you to return the dinner set to Miss "X," thanking her warmly for "lending" it to you in your time of need. (I assume you have the means to buy one now.) And when she tries to engage you in personal conversations, tell her kindly but firmly that you have a lot of work to do and no time to talk.

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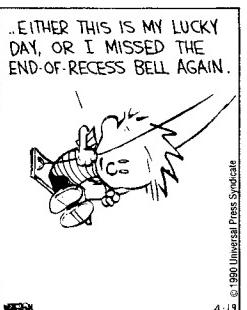
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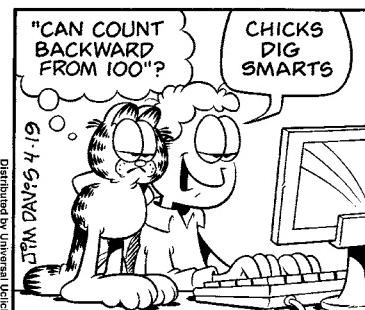
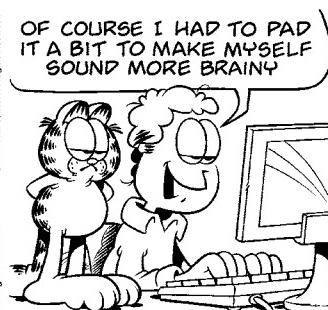


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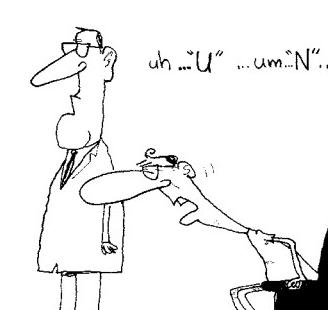
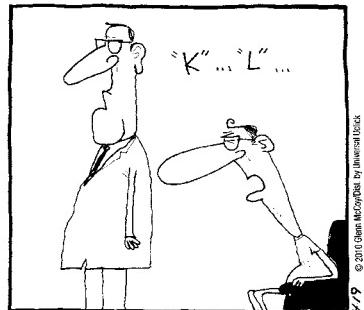
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,) CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-0382R
Plaintiff,)
v.)
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DAVID A. MANGLONA and) NOTICE OF SALE
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Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on January 21, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 345 R 379, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09 dated September 25, 1984, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 84-2049.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, April 23, 2010, at the hour of 11:30 a.m., at The Courthouse, Sinapalo Village, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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NORTHERN MARIANAS) CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0471R
HOUSING CORPORATION,) Plaintiff,)
v.)
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DOLORES PUA POMEY) NOTICE OF SALE
and SAMISONI POMEY,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on March 7, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 227, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 06 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1903, dated May 14, 1990, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

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LeBron, Shaq lead Cavs over Bulls



CLEVELAND (AP)—They've got more depth. They've got more size. They've got Shaq. And, of course, they've still got LeBron James.

The Cleveland Cavaliers have a different look this postseason.

"We," James said, "have the look of a champion."

Completely healthy and well rested, the Cavaliers took their first step toward an NBA title on Saturday as James scored 24 points and Shaquille O'Neal looked and played 10 years younger in a 96-83 victory over the Chicago Bulls in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference series.

O'Neal, playing for the first time since tearing a thumb ligament on Feb. 25, had 12 points, five rebounds, four assists and three blocks in 24 minutes as the top-seeded Cavs won a testy opener between two teams that obviously don't care for each other.

"I have no friends in that locker room, except for Danny Green," said Chicago's Joakim Noah, who was plagued by foul trouble and booed for much of the game by Cleveland fans. "I don't really know nobody on that team and I don't really care. I just want to win."

The Bulls, who trimmed a 22-point deficit to seven in the fourth quarter before wearing down, will get a chance to even the best-of-seven series Monday night in Cleveland.

Derrick Rose had 28 points and 10 assists for Chicago, which had the misfortune of being the first team to face the Cavs in these playoffs. Cleveland has been rebuilt for a championship, adding starters O'Neal, Antawn Jamison and Anthony Parker to a team that made it to the Eastern Conference finals last year.

After they were eliminated last May by Orlando, the Cavaliers went out and traded for O'Neal, a four-time NBA champion and icon. O'Neal was brought in not only to combat Magic center Dwight Howard but to help James win his first title and deliver Cleveland its first in any major pro sport since 1964.

The Cavs need 15 more wins to get it.

"Everyone knows it's the first team to 16 wins," O'Neal said.

Leading 68-46, the Cavs were coasting to an easy win when the Bulls, who have been in playoff mode for the past two weeks as they fought for the No. 8 seed, stormed back. They scored 12 straight and were still within striking distance, down 73-60 entering the fourth.

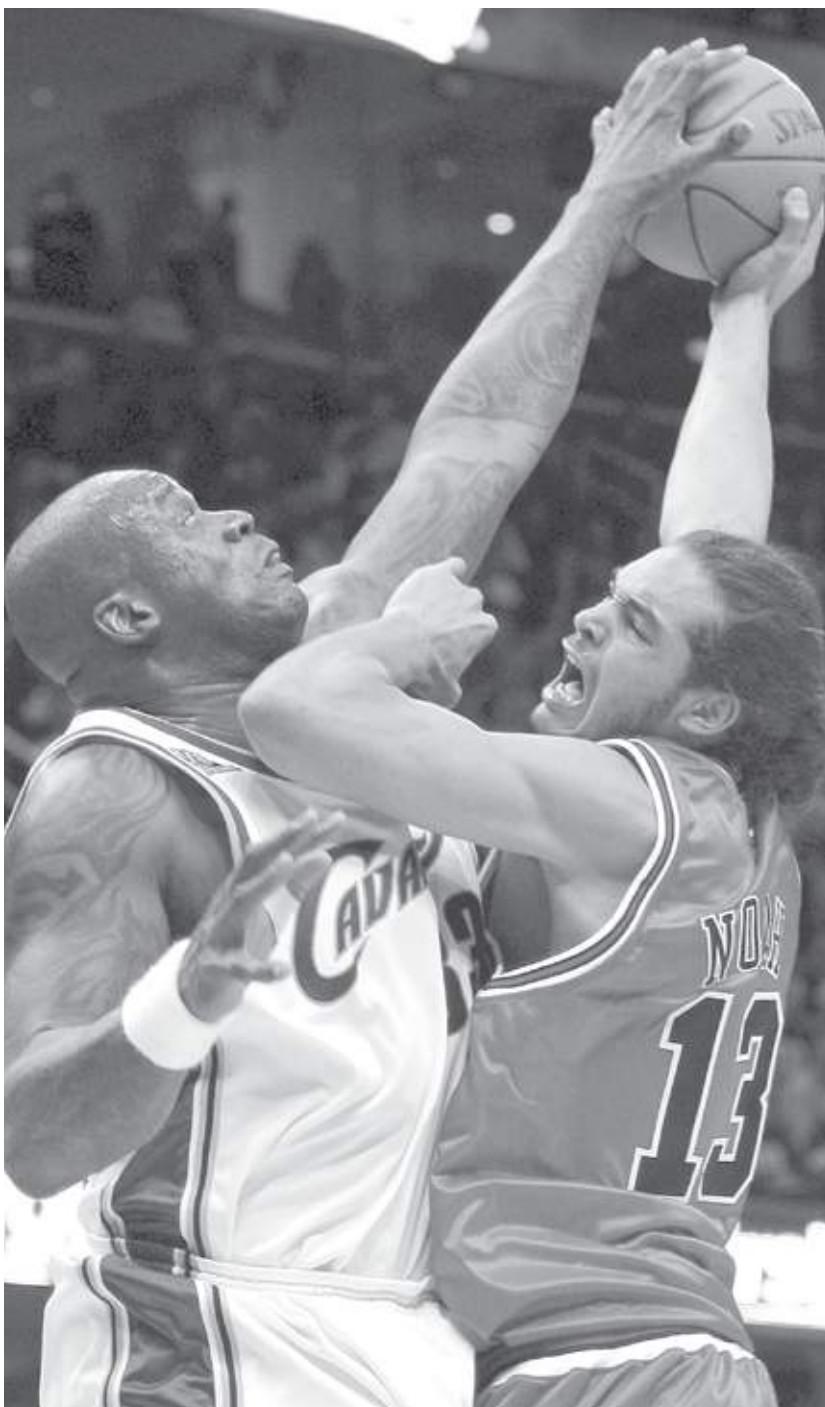
Chicago cut it to 82-75 on Brad Miller's basket, but James converted a three-point play with 2:29 left and Mo Williams followed with a 3-pointer to put Cleveland up 94-81.

The comeback may have fallen short, but it gave the Bulls confidence for Game 2.

"We can't wait to play," Rose said. "I know I can't. This is something I live for. I think about it every minute of the day, playing against the best team in the NBA."

Williams added 19 points and 10 assists, and Jamison, acquired at the trading deadline from Washington, had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Cleveland blocked 12 shots—10 in the second half.

James was his usual MVP self, making plays at both ends. But unlike past postseasons, he doesn't have to do it alone this time.



AP
Cleveland Cavaliers' Shaquille O'Neal, left, fouls Chicago Bulls' Joakim Noah (13) in the third quarter of Game 1 in the first round of the NBA basketball playoffs Saturday, April 17, 2010, in Cleveland.

O'Neal, who upon arriving in Cleveland promised to "win a ring for the King," looked remarkably sharp despite missing the Cavs' final 23 games after undergoing surgery to fix his thumb. He dropped 20 pounds while he was sidelined by watching his diet and swimming.

"This is very vital for me, vital for everybody," he said. "I wanted to come back extra, extra ready. This is the time we have to be ready."

Cleveland's offense ran smoothly while O'Neal was in the middle and he had the game's signature play early in the third quarter.

Furyk emerges from Harbour Town shootout

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP)—Jim Furyk says he's done putting pressure on himself.

That's good, because about two dozen players plan to give the sixth-ranked Furyk all he can handle in the final round of the Verizon Heritage.

Furyk shot a 4-under 67 on Saturday to reach 11 under, good for a one-stroke lead over Brian Davis (66) at Harbour Town Golf Links.

At other times in his career, Furyk might've obsessed about success and driven himself nuts if he didn't follow a third-round lead with a victory.

Now, less than a month away from 40—and with a victory earlier this season at the Transitions Championship that ended a nearly three-year drought—Furyk is content to focus on what's good about his game instead of what's not.

"I felt like I had to be perfect and I had to hit every shot just right. I put

undue pressure on myself," Furyk said. "And I'm finding myself now going out there and enjoying that back nine, getting in the heat of battle."

That was apparent Saturday when Furyk shook off a slow start while chasers who started the round behind him moved past.

Nick O'Hern, who teed off five hours ahead of the final group, gave an early indication of Saturday's free-for-all with a 64 that put him atop the leaderboard before 36-hole leaders Furyk, Charles Howell III and Greg Owen were done with lunch.

"By the time I teed off I was in about fourth place, then I played a couple of holes and I was already dropping," Furyk said.

At 2:45 p.m., 10 players were tied for first, all on a course where Brian Gay

posting up Noah in the foul lane, the 7-foot-1 O'Neal made a quick spin move toward the baseline that faked out the Bulls center, who stumbled forward and nearly fell on his face. O'Neal then delivered a dunk and sprinted back down the floor scowling.

"That's the patented move I've been doing for years," the 38-year-old O'Neal said. "That's the 'Diesel Truck with No Brakes.' When I get into that mood people get out of the way because they know I'm in the cab and I don't have any brakes."

Noah became quick road kill.

"I kind of knew he was going to do it at first, so I tried to take it away," Noah said. "Then he waited and waited until a good time. He just knows how to use that 350 pounds."

The teams, which split their two regular-season meetings, traded words and shoves on more than one occasion. Noah, who said the Bulls would "try to shock the world" in the series, got into it with Anderson Varejao. James and Brad Miller were assessed technicals in the first half following a collision, and James and Luol Deng had a discussion after the halftime horn.

Miller had to get medical treatment after taking an elbow from O'Neal, who was playing in his 204th postseason game.

"Just taking an elbow to the damn chin and bleeding," Miller said. "My foul."

James, who sat out Cleveland's final four regular-season games to rest for the playoffs, was on the floor more than three hours before tip getting in some extra work. He's waited almost one year to spit out the bitterness of coming up short last year and isn't taking any chances.

Before the game, he conveyed that to his teammates.

"I told them, this is what have all waited for," he said. "This is why we play hard throughout the regular season and throughout practices—to get to this point. As much as we loved the regular season, we love the postseason even more."

Celtics 85, Heat 76

At Boston, Kevin Garnett had 15 points and nine rebounds and the Boston Celt-

ics played Miami-style defense to beat the Heat.

Trailing 44-41 at halftime, the Celtics held the Heat to 32 points in the second half. And with substitute guard Tony Allen shadowing Dwyane Wade, the Heat star scored 26 points after averaging 33.7 in three regular-season games against Boston.

Allen also scored a career playoff high 14 points, and Paul Pierce led Boston with 16. Quentin Richardson added 15 for Miami.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Boston.

Hawks 102, Bucks 92

At Atlanta, Joe Johnson scored 22 points, and Mike Bibby had 19 for Atlanta in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference series.

Jamal Crawford added 17 points for Atlanta in the first postseason appearance in his 10-year career. Rookie Brandon Jennings led Milwaukee with 34 points.

The Hawks had mismatches all over the court, taking advantage of the injury that took out Milwaukee center Andrew Bogut late in the season.

The home team never trailed, building a 20-point lead in the first quarter and going to halftime with a 62-40 edge.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Atlanta.

Nuggets 126, Jazz 113

At Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored a playoff career-high 42 points and J.R. Smith's fourth-quarter flurry of 3-pointers helped Denver beat Utah in Game 1 of the Western Conference playoff series.

Anthony, whose previous playoff high was 41 points against Dallas in the second round last year, benefited from the absence of Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko, who re-injured his strained left calf in practice Thursday and won't play in the series.

Although Carlos Boozer (rib) returned to Utah's lineup and scored 19 points, the Jazz lost center Mehmet Okur, who aggravated his left Achilles' tendon injury in the first half, and C.J. Miles also missed some time because of nausea after colliding with Chauncey Billups in the second half.

Game 2 is Monday night in Denver.



set tournament records in 2009 with a 10-shot victory and 20-under score.

When Baird asked where the leaders were and was told he was on top, he quipped, "Yeah, me and eight other guys."

Almost, Briny, almost.

Two strokes behind Furyk were two-time Verizon champ Boo Weekley (68), Stephen Ames (65), Briny Baird (66), Ricky Barnes (66), Luke Donald (67), Woody Austin (67) and Heath Slocum (67).

Right behind them at Harbour Golf Links was a group that included Camilo Villegas (67) and 2006 winner Aaron Baddeley.

In all, 23 players were within five strokes.

"Tomorrow, it's go out and shoot as low as you can and not take your

foot off the gas pedal," said Davis, who's never finished higher than second on the PGA Tour.

Slocum, a hunting and fishing buddy of Boo Weekley, looked as if he would finish the day in front as he came to Harbour Town's 18th hole. But he sent his approach shot into a steep-faced bunker behind the green and could not get out on his first try.

He settled for a double-bogey 6—his second straight at the hole bordering Calibogue Sound—and a prime chase spot on Sunday.

"I'm due for a birdie tomorrow," Slocum said of the finishing hole.

Furyk appeared as if he didn't have the stuff to keep up with just one birdie on the front side where players traditionally make runs. He picked up the pace on the back nine, chipping in for birdie from about 40 feet away on the 11th and making a 25-foot birdie putt two holes later.

Colorado's Jimenez no-hits Braves, Rockies win



ATLANTA (AP)—Ubaldo Jimenez pitched the first no-hitter in the Colorado Rockies' 18-year history and the majors' first this season, dominating the Atlanta Braves in a 4-0 victory Saturday night.

Jimenez walked six—all in the first five innings. He was helped by Dexter Fowler's diving catch on Troy Glaus' drive to left-center field in the seventh inning. It's baseball's first no-hitter since White Sox ace Mark Buehrle threw a perfect game in a 5-0 victory over Tampa Bay on July 23, 2009.

The San Diego Padres, New York Mets and Tampa Bay Rays are the remaining teams without a no-hitter.

Jimenez was at his best in the final innings, reaching the high 90s mph with his fastball through the last batter. The 26-year-old right-hander struck out seven and had an RBI single in the fourth inning.

Braves starter Kenshin Kawakami took the loss.

Mets 2, Cardinals 1, 20 innings

At St. Louis, Jose Reyes hit a sacrifice fly in the 20th as the New York Mets beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the longest game in the majors in two years.

Jeff Francoeur also had a sacrifice fly for New York in the 19th inning, ending a scoreless tie, but Yadier Molina singled in Albert Pujols with two out in the bottom half.

Francisco Rodriguez got the win despite blowing the save in the 19th and Mike Pelfrey finished for his first career save in a game that included 19 pitchers and lasted 6 hours, 53 minutes.

St. Louis left the bases loaded in the 10th, 12th and 14th and stranded 22 runners, including 14 in extra innings. It was the longest game in the majors since Colorado beat San Diego 2-1 in 22 innings on April 17, 2008.

Utilityman Joe Mather became the first position player to lose a game since shortstop Josh Wilson for San Diego in a 9-6 setback in 18 innings against Arizona last June 7, according to STATS LLC.

Astros 4, Cubs 3

At Chicago, Roy Oswalt allowed five hits over seven scoreless innings for his first win and J.R. Towles homered as the Houston Astros hung on for an away win.

The Cubs scored three in the eighth and had the tying run on in the ninth after shortstop Tommy Manzella booted Ryan Theriot's two-out grounder. Theriot went to second on a wild pitch by Matt Lindstrom, but Kosuke Fukudome struck out, giving the Astros their second win in three games after an 0-8 start.

Chicago's Tom Gorzelanny gave up two runs in the second and left after being hit in the left arm by Pedro Feliz's line drive in the third.

Oswalt took sole possession of second place on the Astros' career wins list with his 138th victory and moved ahead of Larry Dierker.

Nationals 8, Brewers 0

At Washington, Livan Hernandez pitched his first shutout in nearly six years, allowing only four hits in Washington's win.

Hernandez didn't allow a hit after pitcher Randy Wolf's single in the fifth. He struck out three and walked two in his eighth career shutout—his first since July 30, 2004, while with



Colorado Rockies pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez delivers to the Atlanta Braves during the second inning of a Major League Baseball game, Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Turner Field in Atlanta. AP

Montreal. It was the second straight outstanding start for Hernandez, who threw 112 pitches.

Washington (6-5) won its third straight and owns a winning record for the first time since April 4, 2008.

Giants 9, Dodgers 0

At Los Angeles, Tim Lincecum scattered four hits over six innings and had three hits and three RBIs, leading San Francisco to victory.

Lincecum struck out seven and walked two. The two-time Cy Young winner has allowed just two runs over 20 innings in his first three starts. But it was at the plate where he made the biggest impression.

Lincecum got all three of his RBIs against knuckleballer Charlie Haeger before the Dodgers got their first hit against the All-Star right-hander as the Giants built an early 5-0 lead. He had only three RBIs last season in 66 at-bats.

Marlins 5, Phillies 1

At Philadelphia, Ricky Nolasco took a four-hitter into the ninth and Ronny Paulino hit a three-run homer for Florida.

The Marlins scored all their runs off Jamie Moyer in the first inning. Nolasco didn't need any more support, shutting down the highest-scoring team in the majors on a chilly night.

He was one out away from his second career shutout when Jayson Werth hit a solo homer.

Nolasco retired the first 11 batters before Chase Utley lined a single to cen-

ter in the fourth. The right-hander gave up five hits, struck out four and walked three, needing 109 pitches to record his fourth career complete game.

Pirates 5, Reds 4

At Pittsburgh, Garrett Jones singled off the wall in right-center with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the ninth as the hosts came from behind against closer Francisco Cordero to beat Cincinnati.

Jones' hit—which ended an 0-for-8 stretch for him—on a 3-2 pitch came just after Lastings Milledge drew a bases-loaded walk off Cordero on a 3-2 pitch with two outs to tie the game.

Padres 5, Diamondbacks 0

At San Diego, Nick Hundley homered and drove in three runs, and Kevin Correia pitched 5 2-3 strong innings to help the Padres beat Arizona, giving them their first series win this season.

Hundley equaled a career high with three RBIs, including his first homer, a solo shot in the fourth against Arizona starter Kris Benson. The right-hander was recalled from Triple-A Reno before the game and made just his third big league start since 2006.

Yankees 7, Rangers 3

At New York, for the first time since 1926 in the days of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, the New York Yankees have won four straight series to start a season.

Alex Rodriguez passed Mark McGwire for eighth place with his 584th

home run, Derek Jeter also connected and A.J. Burnett pitched seven shutout innings Saturday to lead the surging Yankees over the Rangers 7-3.

After taking two of three against Boston, Tampa Bay and the Los Angeles Angels, the defending World Series champions swept the opening two games of a three-game set against Texas.

Scott Feldman gave up four runs and seven hits in 2 1-3 innings as Texas lost its third in a row.

Nelson Cruz hit a three-run homer in the eighth off Alfredo Aceves, Cruz's major league-leading seventh.

Angels 6, Blue Jays 3

At Toronto, Howie Kendrick and Juan Rivera homered and Joe Saunders pitched eight strong innings for Los Angeles.

Kendrick went 3 for 5 with three RBIs and scored twice as the Angels won back-to-back games for the first time this season. The Blue Jays lost consecutive games for the first time.

Saunders, who came in with a 7.36 ERA, allowed two runs—none earned—and five hits. The left-hander walked one, struck out two, lowered his ERA to 4.26 and improved to 11-3 in April.

Fernando Rodney closed it out in the ninth for his third save and second in two days.

Twins 6, Royals 5

At Minneapolis, Orlando Hudson hit a game-winning home run leading off the seventh inning and the Twins' bullpen pitched four scoreless innings as Min-

nesota stretched its winning streak to five games.

With the game level at 5-5, Hudson hit a shot off reliever John Parrish that bounced off the facing of the second level of seats in left field at Target Field. It was Hudson's first home run since signing with the Twins in the offseason.

Brian Duensing pitched two innings of scoreless relief to pick up the win.

Athletics 4, Orioles 3

At Oakland, Ryan Sweeney hit a game-ending, two-run single with one out in the ninth inning as the Athletics improved to 9 wins and four losses for their best start after 13 games since 1992.

Jerry Blevins pitched an inning for the win.

The Orioles fell to 1-11, their worst start since opening the 1988 season with 21 consecutive losses, and lost third baseman Miguel Tejada to a possible leg injury in the sixth inning.

Rays 3, Red Sox 1, 12 innings

Rays 5, Red Sox 5

At Boston, Pat Burrell hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning to help Tampa Bay win the completion of a suspended game, then had a three-run double in the first inning of Saturday's scheduled game to lead the Rays to a 6-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

In the completion of the suspended game from Friday, Burrell homered with two outs in the 12th to lift the Rays to a 3-1 victory.

Evan Longoria connected in Saturday's game for Tampa Bay, which won its fifth straight.

Dustin Pedroia hit his fifth home run—a two-run shot—and Kevin Youkilis had a two-run homer for Boston.

Indians 3, White Sox 2

At Cleveland, Choo Shin-soo hit a go-ahead RBI double in a two-run eighth inning, lifting the home team over the White Sox.

Chicago starter Jake Peavy was five outs from his first win of the season, but Asdrubal Cabrera homered with one-out in the eighth to tie it.

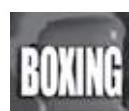
Mariners 4, Tigers 2

At Seattle, Casey Kotchman broke a deadlock with an RBI double in the seventh off the glove of leaping Detroit right fielder Ryan Raburn as the Mariners won their fourth straight.

Ichiro Suzuki finished a home run short of the cycle and scored twice for Seattle, which got another strong outing from its starting pitching, this time lefty Ryan Rowland-Smith.

Milton Bradley started the seventh with a walk from Detroit starter Justin Verlander (0-1). Kotchman then lined Verlander's off-speed pitch to deep right field.

Martinez beats Pavlik to claim middleweight titles



ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Nobody could deny Sergio Martinez this victory.

The junior middleweight champion dominated Kelly Pavlik over the final few rounds Saturday night, winning a bloody and impressive unanimous decision to claim the WBO and WBC middleweight belts at raucous Boardwalk Hall.

When the final bell sounded, Martinez

ran for the corner and leaped onto the ropes, thrusting his arms into the air in victory. Pavlik solemnly raised his own arm before retreating back to his corner, his face awash in blood—just as it been at the end of the last four rounds.

Judge Roberto Ramirez scored the fight 116-111, Barbara Perez scored it 115-111 and Craig Metcalfe had it 115-112, all for Martinez. The Associated Press also scored it 115-112.

"It was a 12-round fight and I knew it would go the distance," said the new middleweight king, "and I knew at the end I had to close strong."

Martinez (45-2-2) moved up to 160 pounds to challenge Pavlik, who had never been defeated at his natural weight. The 35-year-old from Argentina put on marvelous display of speed and footwork, though, rallying from a questionable knockdown in the sev-

enth round to batter and frustrate the pride of Youngstown, Ohio.

"He was a smart fighter," said Pavlik, his face a gruesome mess of bruises and cuts. "He doubled up on the jab a lot after he cut me. I just couldn't get anything going."

It was refreshing change for Martinez to finally win a clear decision, because judges sure haven't been kind to him lately.

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Tony Kim yesterday.

Michael's semis foe is Clayton Izuka, who also notched two victories to move into the Final Four. Izuka prevailed over Insyu Hohn in his first match, 6-4, and then had a similar 6-4 win against Insyu's brother, Geesyu.

The semis pairing in the lower half bracket of the 10-and-under age group will feature Luther Lizama against Michael Ren. Lizama topped Haruya Eda, 6-0, and A.J. Hudkins, 6-2, while Ren won over Tim Sim, 6-2, and Steven Goodwin, 7-5.

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IT&E Northern downed the Lions, 21-10.

After giving up 10 runs in the first two innings, IT&E Northern tamed the Lions in the last four innings.

Frankie Norita relieved second pitcher Frankie Lieto mid in the second inning after the Lions had already scored five

runs. Norita gave up five more at the bottom of the second, before shutting out the Lions in the last four innings.

On offense, IT&E Northern had a nine-run top of the sixth, turning a 12-10 lead to a 21-10 advantage,

In the last inning, Norita struck out Lions leadoff batter Cedric Ada and Bret Yobech flied out to center field for the second out. With runners on first and second, Norita wrapped up

the homestretch for a come-from-behind victory.

Jerry Diaz made a triple with the 24-second shot clock ticking, making a six-point lead a nine-point cushion, 77-68. Then after a few plays, Charlie Peters was slapped with a technical foul due to excessive complaining.

Peters was contesting a fouled called against David Palacios, who reached in and tapped the ball away from Peter Mendiola. Mendiola was trying to pull up for a baseline jumper with the 24-second shot clock almost off when it appeared Palacios had a clean swipe, prompting Peters to question the call.

Walter Mendez canned the two technical free throws and Mendiola split his charities, giving McGraw-Hill a double-digit lead, 80-68, with 1:27 left on the clock.

The remaining minutes became a free-throw shooting contest with BoG struggling with its 2-for-10 clip against McGraw-Hill's 3-for-4.

In the second game, Fiesta capitalized on a depleted Shirley's crew to cruise to an easy win.

Michael Jones' older brother, Angelo, also marched to the semis in the boys' 14-and-under singles division and will face top seed Jake Lee next week. Angelo defeated Quintin Ramsey, 6-2, 6-4, and Matthew Lopez, 6-3, 6-1, to arrange a semis duel against Lee, who beat Kennedy Izuka, 6-1, 6-1, and Chris Park, 6-2, 6-0.

In the other semis collision, Tommy Choi will square off against Chris Cajigan. Cajigan advanced to Final Four after a 7-5, 6-1 win over Carl Dela Cruz and 6-1, 6-4 triumph against Amami Sakano. Choi first downed Dylan Ackerman, 6-0, 6-2, and then edged Colin Ramsey, 7-5, 6-2, to nail a semis seat.

In the girls' 18-and-under, sisters Thea and Theecel Mi-

nor are in the semis, along with Lila Mailman.

Thea drew a bye in the first round and automatically moved into the semis, while Theecel defeated Ilia Corella, 6-0, 6-1, to join her younger sister to the next round. Mailman notched the third semis berth after a 6-2, 6-0 win over Amy Arenovski.

The fourth and last semis slot will be up for grabs next weekend when Jodel Fernandez battles Tinian's Jennifer Uy.

In the girls' 10-and-under, the semis cast were completed yesterday with Carol Lee, Julia Ishikawa, Isabel Heras, and Liza Atalig making the list.

Lee drew a bye in the first round and booked a semis

ticket after shutting out Maika Miyawaki, 6-0. Ishikawa also had a 6-0 win over Ami Tsukagoshi in the first round and then topped Tiffany Madlambayan, 6-2, to make it to the semis.

In the lower half of the girls' 10-and-under singles draw, Heras earned a bye in the first round and blanked Grace Choi, 6-0, to win a semis spot. Atalig also had a bye in the first round and beat Mimi Sakano, 6-1, to complete the semis cast.

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Lopez swept Emily Jones, 6-0, 6-1, to advance in the semis

against Bracken, who thwarted Gabrielle Race, 7-6, 6-1.

Rastguyi also had a straight set win against Alina Ishikawa, 6-0, 6-1, to set up a semis duel against Johnson, who prevailed over Adele Hudkins, 6-0, 6-0.

In the co-ed mini tennis division, Loyd Kim, Eunice Byung, Hana Nelson, and Eddie Choi advanced to the semis.

Kim routed Erick Kim, 4-1, to make it to the semis against Byung, who downed Vincent Tudela, 4-3. Nelson had two shutout wins against Jasmin Elliot, 4-0, and Alex Choi, 4-0, to duel Grace Kim in the semis. Grace Kim won over Eddie Choi, 4-0.

MCGRAW-HILL

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in a row. Fiesta's streak started with a victory against McGraw-Hill, 80-67, on April 5, and then the team notched back-to-back wins after an 80-59 triumph over Pepsi on Friday.

Also stretching its winning run was Mobil, which edged World Resort Advance on Friday, 96-93, for its sixth win in a row. Mobil is one victory away from matching the longest winning streak in the league at seven, which defending champion Micronesian Brokers, Inc. owned.

McGraw-Hill is on a roller-coaster ride in the 15-team league, earning its fifth win in 10 games. Saturday's win was a big one, however, as the team worked its way back from a 10-point deficit, 54-64, in the early goings of the fourth quarter to steal the win.

McGraw-Hill limited BoG to three field goals in the first nine minutes of the fourth period and the odds favored the former in

Shirley's played with only five players, allowing Fiesta to control the game from start to finish. Fiesta led by as much as 18 in the third and had the luxury of having starters Elmer Esdrelon and Rommel Usi on the bench in the fourth canto, as Shirley's did not have enough manpower to overhaul the lead.

On Friday, Fiesta also manhandled a shorthanded Pepsi squad, who had only five players making it to the scoreboard against the former's nine.

In the second game on Friday, Mobil drew 20-plus points from Gyles Ruluked, Bryan Ajoste and Jun Estolas to stun World Resort.

FRIDAY
First Game

Fiesta 80 – Carino 16, de la Torre 15, Esdrelon 14, Usi 11, J. Ong 9, Moran 8, Salazar 4, Valdez 3, Rabago 2.

Pepsi 59 – Lauron 23, Garon 14, Lansang 12, Cepeda 10, Obnimaga 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-14, 34-32, 58-48, 80-59.

Second Game

said Manglona, who is now a volunteer track and field coach with THS.

After the launching of the poster, Manglona said he is willing to visit schools and discuss with students the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

"I am open to the schools if they invite me to talk to the students, but I think the best way to send a message is by being a role model. One needs to see to believe. Anyone can see that I advocate a healthy lifestyle by trying to live my life in that way, and having a positive attitude," Manglona said.

"Our bodies are meant to

Mobil 96 – Ruluked 28, Ajoste 22, Estolas 20, Jose 10 Manalo 8, Galzote 4, Torres 2.

World Resort 93 – Abuel 28, Vinas 23, Tabamo 11, Olaitinan 10, Wabinga 8, Navarro 4.

Scoring by quarters: 16-15, 38-38, 67-70, 96-93.

SATURDAY
First Game

McGraw-Hill 86 – Mendiola 30, Diaz 14, Mendez 12, Aguon 10, Cabrera 10, Buniag 6, Merar 2.

BoG 75 – Quitugua 23, D. Palacios 13, Coldeen 12, Mendiola 8, G. Palacios 8, Peters 8, Pelisamen 3.

Scoring by quarters: 19-16, 36-37, 54-61, 86-75.

Second Game

Fiesta 95 – Esdrelon 18, Moran 15, Carino 14, Ong 12, de la Torre 10, Valdez 10, Rabago 4, Salazar 2.

Shirley's 79 – Peredo 34, Pablo 21, Sedillo 11, Laxa 11, Pineda 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-15, 47-35, 72-56, 95-79.

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the 2010 Xterra Tagaman last month, will be distributed to various high schools in the Commonwealth starting today.

"Joshua A. Manglona, CNMI Triathlete. The choice to live a healthy lifestyle is up to you. Eating right, being active, and staying drug-free is the best way to stay on top of your game and live a longer, healthier life. That's the power of choice, that's the power of you," the poster stated.

"The poster is an encouraging and positive message

to live a healthy lifestyle by keeping active, eating right, and staying drug free," the Tinian triathlete said.

Initially, the poster is for display only for Tinian High School where Joshua graduated in 2007.

"At first it was intended for Tinian High School, where I graduated. But Tinian principal, Julian Hofschneider, saw its potential and positive message, then later the BOE chairwoman, Lucy Blanco-Maratita, and eventually the PSS commissioner, Dr. Rita Sablan, so several posters will now be provided to all CNMI high schools."

"Our bodies are meant to

be active. Being active for me means competing in marathon or in triathlon events and for you it may mean just taking a daily walk at a brisk pace.

Although we're different, still these activities can make all the difference. It's never too late to start, and remember, don't ever quit trying to live your life in a healthy way," he added.

Meanwhile, after completing

three grueling races last

month—Saipan Marathon,

Xterra Saipan, and Tagaman Triathlon—Manglona is back on training for the Kiskei Triathlon in Japan in June. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

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	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	3	.727	—
Tampa Bay	8	3	.727	—
Toronto	7	5	.583	1 1/2
Boston	4	7	.364	4
Baltimore	1	11	.083	7 1/2

Central Division

Minnesota	9	3	.750	—
Detroit	6	5	.545	2 1/2
Cleveland	5	6	.455	3 1/2
Kansas City	4	7	.364	4 1/2
Chicago	4	8	.333	5

West Division

Oakland	9	4	.692	—
Seattle	6	6	.500	2 1/2
Texas	5	6	.455	3
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	3 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE**East Division**

Philadelphia	8	3	.727	—
Florida	7	5	.583	1 1/2
Atlanta	6	5	.545	2
Washington</td				

The Week in Sports

It was a record-breaking week for CNMI swimmers, while visitors felt at home last week, mixing up with the local sports community.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan had three swimmers combining for eight new records. Kaito Yanai logged five new marks in the boys' 9 to 10 age group (200m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m butterfly, and 200m individual medley). Kai Staal shattered two marks, while Kensuke Kimura crushed one. Staal posted new records in the 100m backstroke and 800m freestyle in the boys' 15 to 16 age group, while Kimura set a mark in the 800m freestyle in the 14 to 15 age category.

Tsunami Saipan swimmers' records

Records fall, visitors find home

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were made during the two-day dual meet between Tsunami Saipan and Saipan Swim Club swimmers at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Over at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, visiting Baseball Confederation of Oceania development officer Ray Brown met with local coaches and players and shared a lesson or two with them.

The former San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners scout will have the

CNMI as his home for about a month, as he will continue to conduct clinics for players, coaches, and umpires here and on Tinian.

Besides Brown, the CNMI had another visitor in New Zealand coach Kevin Smith, who returned to Saipan last Monday. He was here for a week and met with the CNMI Men's and Women's Nationals training pools and their coaches.

Smith also had a discussion with

BANMI officials, giving the local federation pointers in basketball development program.

Other regular events on the island went ahead as scheduled, while two new tournaments were also played last week.

The Chamolinian softball league had its three-times a week games at the Capital Hill Ballfield with Freedom Air ending Natibu's 14-game winning streak.

In the SML at the "Tan Ko" Ball-

field, defending champions St. Michael Rangers clinched the pennant with their seventh straight win.

In the Shirley's caging, Mobil streaked to its sixth win in a row, while Fiesta had three consecutive victories.

In the SLLB, Ol'Aces and the Patriots remained unbeaten in the Major and Junior League divisions, respectively.

The first week of the 2010 IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Badminton kicked off at the REM Center in Gualo Rai with 41 players competing in the weekend event.

The PIC Race for a Cause was also held on a weekend (Sunday), with Butch Sublemente beating Mieko Carrey and Lewie Tenorio in the sprint in the 50-kilometer bike race.



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Kai Staal made two records during the Tsunami Saipan-SSC dual meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.



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McGraw-Hill's Marlon Cabrera, left, and Peter Mendiola, second left, are greeted by their teammates after leading a comeback against Bank of Guam during their game in the Shirley's caging last weekend at the JP Center Basketball Court.



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Annette Quiambao is one of the 41 players playing in the 2010 IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.



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Participants in the 1-kilometer race in the SSC Ocean Swim pose for a group photo before plunging into the waters off Saipan World Resort.



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New Zealand coach Kevin Smith watches the training session of the CNMI Women's Nationals pool at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last week.



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Participants in the PIC Race for a Cause head to Kingfisher Golf Links.



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Baseball Confederation of Oceania development officer Ray Brown demonstrates to Junior League players a drill during a clinic at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield last week.



LeBron, Shaq lead Cavs over Bulls

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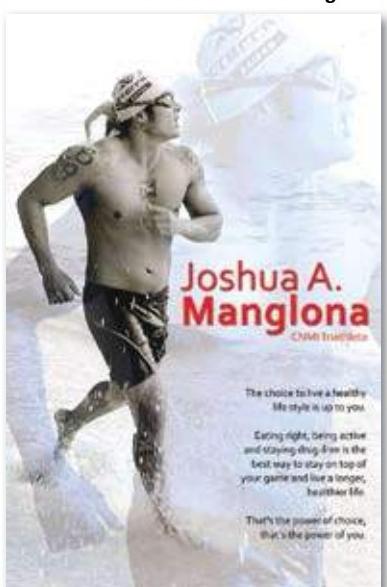
Rabauliman throws no-hitter in Pats win

Birthday boy promotes healthy living

Tinian triathlete Joshua Manglona will be celebrating his 22nd birthday with a poster launching, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle among high schools students in the CNMI.

The poster, which shows Manglona's picture in the swim leg of

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Joshua Manglona is shown here in the poster that will be distributed to various high schools in the CNMI to promote active and healthy lifestyle.

Defending champions Docomo Patriots kept their unbeaten streak in the Junior League division of the 2010 Saipan Little League Baseball, following a 17-2 victory over Ol'Aces on Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

What was expected as a close match between the Top 2 teams in the Junior League became a one-sided affair, as Patriots pitcher Jeremy Rabauliman threw the first no-hitter of the season.

Rabauliman, who pitched in four and a half innings, credited Patriots catcher Henry Rabauliman for his feat.

"I can't do a no-hitter without a good catcher in Henry," said Jeremy Rabauliman, who had 10 strikeouts, walked two, and committed only one error.

On offense, the Pats pitcher went 2-for-4, hitting a double in the second and a solo homer in the third.

Second baseman Raymond Saralu was perfect at the plate with his 4-for-4 and scored four runs and four RBIs. Henry Rabauliman went 3-for-4, making a double, four runs, and three RBIs.

The victory was nine in a row for the Patriots, while the loss was second in eight games for Ol'Aces.

IT&E Northern 21, Lions 10

In the first game in the Junior League,

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Docomo Patriots pitcher Jeremy Rabauliman, right, poses with catcher Henry Rabauliman, following the former's no-hitter against Ol'Aces during their game in the Junior League on Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Jones brothers in Final Four

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Jones siblings, Rafael, Angelo, and Michael, advanced to the semi-finals of their respective age groups after the weekend games in the 2010 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships at the Pacific Islands Club and American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Michael was entered in the boys' 10-and-under singles and booked one of the four semis tickets after winning two games over the weekend. Michael debuted with a 6-1 triumph over Joshua Abragan on Saturday and then made it to the semifinals after a 6-3 win against Tony Kim yesterday.

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Michael Jones, who teamed up with Luther Lizama, bends to return the ball to Colin Ramsey and Carl dela Cruz during their boys' 12-and-under doubles match in the 2010 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

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McGraw-Hill derails Bank of Guam's run

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One team's streak ended, while two squads had their's extended after the weekend games in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League at the JP Center Basketball Court.

McGraw-Hill made a fourth-quarter rally to pull off an 86-75 win over Bank of Guam on Saturday, and snap the latter's four-game winning run.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan also played on Saturday and downed Shirley's, 95-79, for the former's third win

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McGraw-Hill's Lawrence Buniag goes for an easy layup after Bank of Guam came in late for transition defense during their game in the Shirley's caging on Saturday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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